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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 24, VOLGA, French str., 1,752, du Temple, Yokohama 18th May, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

May 24, NAMOA, British steamer, 863, Geo. D. Pitman, Foochow 20th May, Amoy 21st, and Swatow 23rd, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

May 24, ALBATROSS, Austrian gunboat, Westry, from Saigon.

May 24, LUTIN, French gunboat, from a cruise.

May 24, FOOKSANG, British steamer, 990, Hogg, Shanghai 21st May, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

May 24, INGRABAN, German steamer, 893, T. R. Massmann, Antwerp 11th April, General. SIEMSSEN & Co.

May 24, GREYHOUND, British steamer, 227, D. Scott, Hoihow 23rd May, General.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

May 25, PING-ON, British steamer, 574, A. A. McCaslin, Pakhoi 21st May, and Hoihow 23rd, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

May 25, JASON, British steamer, 1,411, Samuel Milligan, Liverpool 8th April, and Singapore 18th May, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

May 25, CHI-YUEN, British steamer, 1,211, Wallace, Singapore 19th May, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

May 25, NINGPO, British steamer, 761, Crawford, Canton 25th May, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

MAY 24TH.

Roderick Hay, British bark, for Tientsin.
Walls Castle, British bark, for Manila.
Zambesi, British str., for Singapore.
Kwang Lee, British str., for Shanghai.
Peking, British str., for Shanghai.
Benlarig, British str., for Yokohama.
Kong Beng, British str., for Swatow.
Esmeralda, British str., for Amoy.
Cairngorm, British str., for Saigon.
Fidelio, German str., for Saigon.
Alwine, German str., for Quinhon.
Donar, German str., for Amoy.
Picciola, German str., for Singapore.
Concordia, German bark, for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

May 24, GLENLYON, British steamer, for Woosung.
May 24, TEHERAN, British steamer, for Yokohama.
May 24, WELLE, German steamer, for Hoihow.
May 24, PEKING, British str., for Shanghai.
May 24, DON JUAN, Spanish str., for Amoy.
May 24, DONAR, German str., for Amoy.
May 24, PICCIOLA, German str., for Singapore.
May 24, ESMERALDA, British str., for Amoy.
May 24, ZAMBESI, British str., for Bombay.
May 25, FIDELIO, German str., for Saigon.
May 25, CAIRNGORM, British str., for Saigon.
May 25, KONG BENG, British str., for Bangkok.
May 25, BENLARIG, British str., for Yokohama.
May 25, KWANG LEE, British str., for Shanghai.
May 25, THALES, British str., for Swatow.
May 25, CONCORDIA, German bk., for Singapore.
May 25, WALLS CASTLE, British bk., for Manila.
May 25, RODERICK HAY, Brit. bk., for Tientsin.
May 25, ALWINE, German str., for Quinhon.
May 25, FOOKSANG, British str., for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Volga*, str., from Yokohama.—For Hongkong.—Messrs. R. Sandors, Smolik, and Péré. For Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Lohmann, Messrs. Finlay Macfarlane, Steinacker, K. Nagai, S. Teshima, M. J. Musai, K. Mashima, and G. Mayekawa.

Per *Namoa*, str., from East Coast.—Messrs. Rutter, Dickie, and Humphries, and 186 Chinese.

Per *Greyhound*, str., from Hoihow.—15 Chinese.

Per *Jason*, str., from Liverpool, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and family, and 73 Chinese.

Per *Ingraban*, str., from Antwerp.—Messrs. Buhr, Treverts, Shild, Berlay, and Gaysoe.

Per *Chi-yuen*, str., from Singapore.—687 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Teheran*, str., for Yokohama.—Messrs. Hardy, Black, and Edward Osborne.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Greyhound* reports left Hoihow on the 23rd inst., and had strong N.E. winds with high head sea throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Ping-on* reports left Pakhoi on the 21st, and Hoihow 23rd inst., and had fine, clear weather to within 60 miles of St. John's Island; from thence strong variable breeze and squally weather to port.

The British steamer *Namoa* reports left Foochow on the 20th inst., Amoy 21st, and Swatow 23rd, and experienced from Foochow to Amoy light winds and calms with dull, cloudy weather. From Amoy to Swatow calms and fogs. From Swatow to port fresh N.E. winds, overcast and dull weather with heavy rains during the first part of the passage. In Foochow strs. *Gleneagles*, *Glangarry*, *Killarney*, *Hae-shin*, and *Ningchow*, U.S. corvette *Enterprise* and gunboat *Palos*. In Amoy strs. *G. G. St Jacob* and *Emuy*, H.B.M.S. *Swift*, and French corv. *Villars*. In Swatow strs. *Cassandra*, *Kennet*, *Benlutha*, *Posang*, and *Hoihow*.

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.
(Corrected to Date.)

Aura	Cardiff	Oct. 15
Medina	Cardiff	Nov. 26
Medora	Cardiff	Nov. 30
Heinrich	Cardiff	Dec. 1
Else	Cardiff	Dec. 3
Honauwar	L'pool via Cardiff	Dec. 8
George	Cardiff	Dec. 14
Andrew Jackson	Cardiff	Dec. 29
Mariain	Cardiff	Dec. 30
Forest King	Penarth	Jan. 1
Jupiter	Antwerp	Jan. 9
Adele	Cardiff	Jan. 13
Leonora	Cardiff	Jan. 16
Macedon	Cardiff	Feb. 1
Schiller	Cardiff	Feb. 2
General Domville	Cardiff	Feb. 25
Governor Tilley	Penarth	Feb. 25
Metapedia (s.)	Middlesborough	Feb. 27
Jupiter	Flushing	Feb. 27
Vespasian (s.)	Liverpool	Feb. 29
Cairo (s.)	Hamburg	Mar. 15
Guy C. Cross	Penarth	Mar. 15
Lord Jeffrey (s.)	Glasgow	Mar. 18
Nankin (s.)	Newcastle	Mar. 18
Governor Goodwin	Penarth	Mar. 22
South America	L'pool via Cardiff	Mar. 25
Canton (s.)	Cardiff	Mar. 26
Papa	Hamburg	Mar. 29
Glenartney (s.)	Greenock	Mar. 29
Allahabad	Penarth	April 1
Radnorshire (s.)	Antwerp via L'don	April 3
Eildenhope (s.)	Cardiff	April 4
Undine	L'pool via Cardiff	April 7
Anchises (s.)	London	April 8
Milan	Plymouth	April 8
Athol (s.)	Cardiff	April 9
Hydra	L'pool via Cardiff	April 9
Principia (s.)	London	April 12
Joe Ranors	L'pool via Cardiff	April 14

INTIMATIONS.

SUMMER HATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have now opened their New Stock of

CALCUTTA-MADE PITH SUN HATS and HELMETS.

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1884.

COLONIE DE LA COCHINCHINE. CONTRIBUTIONS INDIRECTES.

Conformement aux dispositions arrêtées par le Conseil Colonial dans sa seance du 28 Decembre dernier,

Les personnes qui desireraient établir en Cochinchine des distilleries á appareils perfectionnes pour la transformation des riz et autres matières en alcools destines à l'exportation, devront faire parvenir leur demande en autorisation à l'Administration avant le 1er Septembre 1884, accompagnees des plans et indications propres à permettre d'apprecier l'importance et l'economie de l'établissement projeté.

La Concession aura lieu aux conditions suivantes:—

1°.—La distillerie devra etre établie à Saigon ou sur le territoire du 20me arrondissement. Tous les bâtiments seront construits en murs de briques, couverts en tuiles, attenant les uns aux autres et reunis dans une enceinte parfaitement close. Un logement convenable composé de deux pieces et des dependances necessaires y sera menagé pour le préposé de la Régie.

2°.—La fabrication et la sortie des alcools seront soumises au régime de l'exercise. Le concessionnaire devra se soumettre à tous les reglements pris par l'autorité locale pour la surveillance et le controle de cette industrie.

3°.—Pendant trois annees et jusqu'à concurrence de 2,000,000 de litres, quel que soit le nombre de établissements en exercice, la fabrication pour l'exportation sera exempte de tous droits dans la Colonie. Passé ce delai, ou une fois le chiffre deux millions de litres atteint, chaque hectolitre d'alcool exporté sera frappé d'un droit de cinquante cents en remplacement de l'impot foncier et pour couvrir les frais de surveillance.

4°.—Bien que les alcools fabriques dans ces distilleries soient specialement destinés a l'exportation, le Concessionnaire pourra, au renouvellement des baux, concourir pour l'exploitation d'une ou plusieurs concessions pour la consommation dans l'interieur de la Colonie, en acquittant les droits et en se soumettant a la reglementation locale.

5°.—La distillerie devra être prête à fonctionner le 1er. Janvier 1885.

6°.—Le gerant devra etre agréé par l'Administration. [884

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"Daily Press" Office,
1st February, 1884. [281

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES SANER POWELL is authorised to sign our Firm.

BROWN & Co.

Amoy, 15th May, 1884. [991

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, terminated on the 31st March, 1884, and the undersigned will continue to practice in his own name at No. 24, Queen's Road, adjoining the Hongkong Dispensary.

HENRY J. HOLMES.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1884. [675

NOTICE.

IN FUTURE MY BUSINESS in China will be carried on under the style or name of FRANK H. ENGLAND & Co.

I have this day admitted Mr. H. SKERRETT-ROGERS, China, a Partner in the said Firm.

FRANK H. ENGLAND.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1884. [913

NOTICE.

THE INTERESTS and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, Junior, in our firm CEASED on the 30th April, 1884.

Mr. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEXANDER McCONACHIE are this day admitted Partners in our firm.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong and Foochow, 1st May, 1884. [867

NOTICE.

DURING my absence Mr. H. EBELL is authorised to sign my name per procuration.

E. A. RAVEN.

Canton, 24th April, 1884. [830

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL...$5,000,000.
INSTALMENT received on NEW SHARES...} $2,074,744.75.
$7,074,744.75.

RESERVED FUND...$2,500,000.
INSTALMENTS of PREMIUM received on NEW SHARES......} $1,563,361.66.
$4,063,361.66.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1884. [7

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct Security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than $1, or more than $250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than $1,500 in any one year.

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5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

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7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

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9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS," be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings Bank are exempt from Stamp Duty.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1884. [844

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT 1869.

IN HER MAJESTY'S COURT AT AMOY.

IN the matter of proceedings for liquidation by arrangement or composition with Creditors instituted by JAMIESON ELLES, of Amoy, lately trading under the style or firm of ELLES & Co. at Amoy.

The Dividend in the above matter will be paid on the 17th instant.

Dated this 9th day of April, 1884.

F. CHOMLEY, } Trustees.
761] J. S. MOSES, }

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AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. FISHER, to Sell by Public Auction,

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the 26th May, 1884, at 2 P.M., at his Residence, "GLENEALY" No. 2, Caine Road.

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

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BLACK and GOLD DRAWING ROOM SUITE, in SATIN CRETONNE.

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A SEMI-GRAND PIANO, by COLLARD & COLLARD.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued and the whole to be on view on and after SATURDAY, the 24th inst.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1884. [972

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received Instructions from A. G. MORRIS, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 27th May, 1884, at 2 P.M., at his Residence, Hermitage West, No. 4, Caine Road,

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ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT DRAWING ROOM SUITE in Green Satin.

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A COTTAGE PIANO, by LUNAU, LUBECK.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after MONDAY, the 26th instant.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1884. [977

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed by J. S. NASER, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, No. 2, Blue Buildings, Praya East, on

SATURDAY,

the 31st May, 1884, at 2 O'CLOCK P.M.,

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

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TERMS.—As usual.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
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Hongkong, 26th May, 1884. [1002

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Burton's The Book Hunter.

Colin Mackenzie's Storm and Sunshine of a Soldier's Life.

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I. M. Customs Returns and Reports of Trade for 1882.

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Hongkong, 29th April, 1884. [857

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Apply on the Premises.

No. 1, DUDDELL STREET.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1884. [699

TO LET.

NOS. 7 and 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.

No. 7, GARDEN ROAD, (known as HARPERVILLE.

No. 25B, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1883. [27

TO LET.

OFFICES at No. 6, PRAYA CENTRAL, facing the Harbour on Ground Floor of Block occupied by the Messageries Maritimes.

Apply to

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
No. 6, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1884. [691

TO BE LET.

From 1st April, 1884.

THE PREMISES now occupied by Mr. Rehemoabhoy Habbibhoy, No. 46, in Lyndhurst Terrace.

Apply to

H. M. M. ALLY & Co.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1884. [459

INTIMATIONS.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

AT T. N. DRISCOLL'S

THE whole of the STOCK to be Sold at less than English Cost.

Special advantages offered in the

TAILORING AND OUTFITTING DEPARTMENTS

FOR CASH.

No. 6, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1884. [658

GEORGE GOULET CHAMPAGNE.

PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. [191

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SUN SHING [1310

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ELECTRA,"

Captain Nagel, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned whence and/or from the wharves or boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY, the 23rd instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1884. [997

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"BENLARIG,"

Captain H. Clark, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk, into the godowns of the undersigned, at Wanchai, whence and/or from the wharves or boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before THREE P.M., TO-DAY, 23rd instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 2nd June, will be subject to rent. All claims must be sent in to us before 4 p.m., of 3rd June, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1884. [998

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "ULYSSES," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 21st May, 1884.

Goods undelivered after the 27th May, 1884, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1884. [987

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GLENORCHY,"

having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the wharves or boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before FIVE P.M. TO-DAY, the 19th inst.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1884. [975

STEAMSHIP "OXUS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "GANGE," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 4 P.M., TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 26th instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges at 1 cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me before the 28th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1884.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex "DJEMNAH."

S W (in diamond) No. 5647, One Case.
B T I, No. 3775, One Case.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

ROBT. SIM & Co.'s PATENT ANTI-FOULING COMPOSITION

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Her Majesty's Ships; The P. & O. S. N. Co.; The Douglas Steamship Co.; The Japanese Government.

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EDWARD GEORGE.

Hongkong 31st January, 1884. [258

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. [193

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Having commenced business, are ready to undertake work of the above descriptions under the Supervision of an EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN.

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INTIMATIONS.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THIS EVENING (MONDAY,)
26th May, 1884, at 9 P.M.

GRAND CONCERT
GIVEN BY
SIGNORA LOUIZA MARCHETTI,
CELEBRATED PRIMA DONNA,

kindly assisted by a Lady AMATEUR, Maestri CATTANEO and MENESES, and GENTLEMEN AMATEURS.

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Dress Circle and Stalls..........$2.00.
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Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, and at the Doors on the night of Performance.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1884. [993

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"DOUGLAS,"

Captain S. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 26th instant, at THREE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1884. [1003

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PEKING,"

Captain G. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 26th instant, at FOUR P.M., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1884. [1006

FOR HOIHOW AND PAKHOI.

THE Steamship

"PING-ON,"

Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1884. [1004

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO,"

Captain Talbot, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1884. [1005

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

THE Steamship

"ELECTRA,"

Captain F. Nagel, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports instead of as previously notified.

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SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1884. [1007

WANTED—A SITUATION, by a YOUNG MAN as CLERK, or TELEGRAPH OPERATOR, having a thorough knowledge of colloquial Chinese and Malay, and good references.

Apply to

J. C.,
Care of "Daily Press."

Hongkong, 9th May, 1884. [929

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned has REMOVED to the rear of his former place of business. Entrance from Messrs. Turner & Co.'s Lane.

WILLIAM DOLAN.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1884. [928

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the First June Next the STORE of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to the Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. Eça da Silva & Co., No. 48, Queen's Road.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Storekeepers and Wine Merchants.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1884. [866

NOTICE.

SIGNOR ALCHIDAY SCALPHE, from MILAN, offers to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Hongkong his SERVICES as PIANO TUNER, and solicits their liberal patronage. Address to the TEMPERANCE HALL.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1884. [906

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of 15 per cent upon contributions for the year 1883, has this day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 10th proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1884. [856

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Resolution No. 2 passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on the 30th December, 1882, all SHARES not taken up and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th CALLS PAID on or before the 30th June next, will be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Corporation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1884. [838

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS COMPANY now grant PASSAGES THROUGH TO LONDON VIÂ MARSEILLES, including Continental Railway Fares, at the same rate as for the route by Sea to LONDON, viz: $380.

The Fare to MARSEILLES is now similar to that charged to BRINDISI or VENICE, viz: $355.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1884. [560

KEATING'S INSECT POWDER

BUGS, FLEAS, MOTHS, BEETLES, and all other Insects, are Destroyed by KEATING'S INSECT POWDER, which is quite harmless to Domestic Animals. In exterminating Beetles the success of this Powder is extraordinary, and no one need be troubled by those pests. It is perfectly clean in application. Ask for, and take no other than "KEATING'S POWDER," as imitations are noxious, and fail in giving satisfaction. Sold by all Chemists, in small Bottles. [808

INTIMATIONS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881. SECOND DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong, on the 24th day of May, 1884, when the interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. GEORGE ROBERT JOHNSTON, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1096 BONDS NOS.:—

7	15	24	28	39	47	54
64	69	76	86	95	101	112
118	124	132	140	149	157	165
171	181	189	198	201	211	218
231	233	245	255	261	268	277
284	292	299	305	318	328	335
341	347	357	368	375	379	385
396	406	415	419	425	433	445
456	464	470	477	483	491	500
506	516	523	534	538	548	559
562	569	577	590	598	604	613
623	632	640	642	653	661	668
675	685	693	700	712	720	725
733	743	748	756	767	774	780
792	795	803	812	821	825	839
842	855	863	865	876	884	889
903	908	917	926	933	939	948
957	966	971	980	989	997	1002
1013	1021	1030	1040	1047	1054	1064
1069	1074	1087	1093	1099	1109	1116
1126	1134	1142	1149	1153	1165	1172
1180	1188	1197	1208	1209	1219	1229
1240	1247	1251	1261	1271	1277	1286
1291	1303	1312	1317	1322	1331	1341
1350	1358	1368	1374	1378	1389	1399
1406	1414	1421	1430	1439	1447	1453
1459	1470	1478	1487	1493	1499	1508
1518	1525	1533	1540	1548	1559	1567
1572	1581	1589	1594	1603	1612	1619
1627	1635	1643	1652	1658	1666	1676
1683	1691	1699	1707	1715	1725	1735
1740	1745	1753	1764	1769	1781	1788
1796	1808	1811	1819	1829	1833	1841
1849	1860	1866	1875	1886	1890	1899
1906	1916	1923	1932	1938	1946	1957
1961	1971	1979	1987	1993	2001	2010
2018	2026	2035	2048	2054	2058	2066
2078	2087	2096	2102	2109	2120	2125
2136	2140	2148	2158	2165	2169	2179
2186	2198	2204	2211	2219	2227	2235
2241	2251	2259	2268	2274	2284	2293
2300	2305	2320	2324	2332	2339	2350
2353	2363	2371	2383	2388	2395	2405
2415	2421	2430	2439	2447	2455	2462
2472	2474	2483	2489	2490	2509	2513
2524	2530	2539	2549	2557	2564	2573
2577	2586	2596	2603	2615	2617	2625
2638	2644	2653	2664	2668	2675	2683
2693	2702	2710	2715	2726	2733	2738
2749	2757	2763	2770	2781	2788	2790
2805	2814	2819	2827	2836	2844	2850
2858	2871	2875	2882	2894	2899	2908
2917	2925	2933	2942	2945	2954	2963
2974	2980	2989	2996	3004	3010	3022
3028	3037	3046	3053	3061	3070	3077
3086	3095	3104	3110	3120	3124	3135
3144	3149	3160	3168	3172	3184	3190
3195	3204	3214	3221	3229	3239	3245
3251	3259	3271	3277	3284	3291	3300
3308	3314	3324	3331	3340	3347	3354
3364	3370	3384	3391	3394	3403	3410
3417	3426	3434	3442	3451	3461	3470
3476	3485	3492	3499	3510	3515	3522
3532	3538	3551	3555	3567	3573	3579
3588	3600	3603	3610	3620	3628	3635
3643	3650	3658	3669	3676	3682	3692
3700	3706	3717	3728	3733	3741	3747
3755	3762	3770	3778	3786	3799	3802
3809	3818	3827	3836	3843	3851	3859
3869	3870	3884	3893	3898	3912	3916
3926	3929	3943	3948	3957	3963	3971
3980	3986	3997	4006	4015	4021	4029
4038	4047	4054	4063	4072	4079	4088
4091	4101	4109	4116	4122	4132	4142
4146	4160	4163	4170	4184	4190	4199
4203	4214	4220	4225	4236	4245	4254
4262	4270	4279	4285	4289	4300	4309
4314	4324	4331	4338	4351	4354	4362
4372	4381	4390	4397	4403	4409	4420
4429	4434	4443	4454	4461	4469	4476
4483	4493	4500	4507	4518	4524	4531
4542	4549	4556	4564	4573	4580	4588
4597	4606	4609	4619	4628	4638	4646
4653	4660	4670	4678	4686	4694	4703
4709	4719	4724	4733	4743	4750	4756
4765	4774	4784	4786	4797	4803	4812
4819	4830	4836	4843	4852	4861	4872
4873	4884	4891	4899	4906	4917	4927
4930	4941	4947	4955	4963	4971	4979
4987	4994	5004	5015	5022	5027	5030
5043	5050	5057	5070	5075	5086	5092
5098	5107	5120	5123	5130	5140	5148
5154	5162	5171	5182	5189	5193	5202
5213	5219	5227	5233	5243	5251	5263
5266	5276	5282	5291	5299	5312	5315
5325	5332	5342	5350	5353	5364	5371
5379	5387	5399	5403	5415	5420	5427
5435	5443	5452	5459	5467	5479	5485
5492	5500	5507	5515	5525	5533	5539
5546	5554	5564	5573	5581	5585	5593
5602	5612	5624	5635	5639	5644	5651
5659	5666	5677	5683	5691	5700	5708
5714	5724	5731	5742	5751	5757	5763
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5832	5839	5843	5854	5861	5871	5877
5884	5889	5900	5908	5917	5926	5934
5941	5945	5956	5966	5974	5981	5992
5998	6006	6009	6019	6028	6037	6042
6049	6062	6069	6075	6081	6095	6099
6109	6115	6123	6131	6142	6151	6160
6163	6172	6182	6189	6197	6205	6213
6223	6229	6237	6246	6252	6262	6269
6275	6283	6293	6300	6308	6316	6324
6333	6342	6348	6359	6367	6372	6377
6391	6394	6407	6413	6420	6431	6435
6444	6456	6461	6468	6478	6483	6490
6498	6506	6514	6525	6536	6537	6548
6557	6564	6572	6579	6587	6594	6607
6612	6620	6628	6635	6645	6652	6657
6667	6676	6683	6689	6700	6707	6715
6723	6735	6739	6747	6756	6761	6770
6778	6786	6796	6804	6810	6821	6830
6837	6844	6853	6861	6867	6875	6883
6891	6899	6908	6914	6922	6932	6939
6947	6954	6965	6970	6979	6988	6995
7004	7016	7020	7028	7036	7042	7052
7059	7067	7076	7084	7092	7101	7108
7114	7126	7133	7137	7148	7156	7163
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7675	7688	7691	7700	7707	7716	7724
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7786	7794	7807	7813	7818	7828	7837
7847	7855	7864	7872	7880	7884	7891
7900	7910	7914	7921	7931	7940	7946
7956	7963	7973	7980	7987	7998	8005
8013	8021	8029	8036	8040	8052	8062
8069	8076	8085	8095	8102	8110	8117
8125	8136	8139	8149	8156	8161	8173
8181	8189	8197	8204	8215	8220	8231
8237	8245	8252	8262	8269	8276	8281
8293	8299	8309	8316	8324	8333	8341
8351	8357	8364	8371	8378	8389	8397
8405	8413	8419	8431	8438	8443	8451
8458	8467	8479	8486	8492	8501	8510
8515	8525	8533	8540	8550	8558	8566
8576	8580	8587	8595	8604	8611	8621
8630	8637	8645	8653	8664	8668	8679
8683	8691	8703	8709	8718	8721	8732
8742	8751	8755	8768			

For Shanghai Taels 500 each.=Shanghai Taels 548,000.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
(Signed) G. R. JOHNSTON,
Chief Accountant.

Countersigned,
A. B. JOHNSON,
Notary Public,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th day of March, 1884. [1000

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN OF 1881.

The INTEREST due 24th day of May current, of the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be PAID at the Office of this Corporation on and after that date.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
Agents issuing the Loan,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1884. [1001

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS,
By Appointment to His Excellency the GOVERNOR and His Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS
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HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [23

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 26TH, 1884.

THE remarks of the Colonial Surgeon on the health of the Police Force during the past year call for special attention. The sickness among the members of the Force has during the past few years increased very seriously without any apparent cause. The admissions to Hospital, Dr. AYRES tells us, in 1883 showed an increase over 1882 of 50 and over 1881 of 101, although the strength of the Force had only been augmented by thirty-four as compared with the latter year. This increase is not confined to one branch of the Police; it is shown in each of the three contingents; though most markedly among the Europeans. It cannot be accounted for, the Colonial Surgeon points out, by the general health of the colony having deteriorated, for this is not the case; and it is not ascribable to any decline in the physique of the constables, for, as Dr. AYRES truly remarks, "a finer set of men than the European Police in Hongkong could hardly be found anywhere." The sickness among the Force therefore must be due to some exceptional causes, and it is desirable these should be carefully considered by the Government with a view, if remediable, to take steps to reduce it. The Police quarters are not in a bad sanitary condition; at all events they are no worse than they were in 1874, and the men are well fed and well and suitably clothed for the climate. No doubt Dr. AYRES has hit the right nail on the head in expressing the opinion that the real reason for the increased sickness among the Police is in the longer hours of duty to which they are subjected, and especially to be longer hours of exposure to malarial influences when on night duty. The hours of duty were, it may be remembered, lengthened by Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY after the occurrence of the Wing Lok Street outrage, in 1878. It is difficult to see how any reduction of the hours of night duty is to be made without increasing the strength of the European contingent, to which objection would be raised on the score of cost, but six hours at a stretch at night is a long spell of duty for Europeans in this climate, especially in summer. The Colonial Surgeon makes no suggestion on the subject; he probably considers that his duty ends when pointing out the evil. It is the province of the executive to find the remedy, if it be discoverable. It is of the highest importance that the streets and roads should be efficiently and strongly patrolled at night. Past experience has enforced the necessity of this precaution, and no relaxation of vigilance in this respect can be thought of. There are always plenty of lawless characters in the Colony, and if for the time they are *perdu* we may be certain that they only want opportunity for the display of their activity for mischief. Indeed at the present moment there is more occasion than usual for the exercise of a keen watch over the criminal and loafing classes. There will soon, in consequence of the conclusion of the difficulty between France and China, be large numbers of disbanded troops in Canton and its neighbourhood and numbers of unemployed labourers who have been engaged on the fortifications up the Pearl river. Many of these men—not of the most peaceful type—will, when dispersed, probably pay Hongkong a visit, and the ranks of the idle and vicious in this city will be sure to find reinforcement from among these braves and coolies. There are also probably not a few refugees from the Kwei-shin district, who had to quit that neighbourhood on account of being involved in some measure in the recent rising there. All these persons will gravitate naturally to Hongkong, both for security and in the hope of obtaining work. If they fail in the latter expectation they may swell the Ishmaelitish army which is continually contending with the authorities, and setting the law at defiance. For these reasons it would certainly be unwise if not absolutely unsafe to attempt any reduction of the hours of night duty of the Police unless it could be managed by some arrangement for their readjustment. Nevertheless, the sickness shown by the Colonial Surgeon to prevail among the Force, and more especially among the European contingent calls for inquiry, and will yet, we trust, lead to the Government devising some scheme whereby relief may be given to the constables without impairing the efficiency of the Force as the guardians of the public safety.

THE question of the excessive sizing of piece goods is again raised in the Trade Reports just issued by the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs. Mr. DREW, the Statistical Secretary, in his report on the foreign trade of China, says:—"I am informed that the falling off in the consumption of English Drills which, as is well known, has been going on, must be attributed to two causes: first, English manufacturers, doubtless as directed by their customers, gradually lowered the quality of 14-lb. Drills until it was in many cases a mere rag, one-half being China clay; second, at the same time American goods were being pushed into consumption by American houses, and being composed of pure cotton, they ousted their above-named rival.' At Shanghai, the deliveries of American drills in 1883 were greater than in any recent year excepting 1879 and 1881. It is probable that the diminished consumption of drills—*i.e.*, all kinds together—as shown in the Returns has been compensated for to some extent by the noticeably large import of T-Cloths, *i.e.*, that T-Cloths have been found preferable for some purposes to Drills, as the latter have been deteriorating. The import of Sheetings reached its highest figure, 878,000 pieces, in 1880; the next year it fell off nearly 11 per cent., to 783,000 pieces; and in 1883 we find the import again so high as 840,000 pieces. 'As in the case of Drills, the demand is now for a good article, and as the English are sending better cloth they are selling more, whilst this competition has lessened the consumption of American. In fact, the process is just the reverse of what has been going on in Drills. Fine T-Cloths and 12-lb. Shirtings are also used for the same purpose, and the trade in the latter has much increased of late years.'" Doubtless, as Mr. DREW says, the lowering of the quality of drills by the British manufacturers was by direction of their customers, the native merchants. As far as the former are concerned, they simply make the article required, and no amount of care in the get up could deceive the native wholesale dealer as to the true quality of the article, of which he is as well able to judge as the manufacturer himself. If there be any cheating in the way of palming off the goods for better than they are, the native merchant and retail dealer are the persons who reap the benefit by imposing on the purchasers in the interior. It can scarcely be considered prudent, however, on the part of the manufacturer to yield so far to the wishes of the native merchant as to allow the latter to spoil the market merely for the sake of reaping large profits temporarily. The consumer may be imposed on for a time, but he cannot fail soon to discover the imposition, and then he will act on the maxim "once bitten twice shy." Mr. A. NOVION, the Commissioner of Customs at Chinkiang, says:—"English drills are losing ground owing to their inferior make, their only recommendation being their cheapness. On the other hand, American drills seem likely to increase in favour, as the cost of producing is less and their quality is better than English." And it is not only the competition of American goods but of native cloth also that has to be taken into consideration. Mr. C. LENOX SIMPSON, the Commissioner of Customs at Kiukiang, says:—"The consumption of cotton goods does not appear to increase as much as it ought to do under the influence of cheaper cost; this no doubt arises from the continued partiality of the middle and lower classes for the fabrics of the native looms, owing to the greater durability and warmth of the native made cloth." The Chinese character is such that they will not be satisfied with anything less than an article that will wear well. Size goods seem to have seen the best of their days, and with regard to sheetings, as Mr. DREW points out, the quality is already improving. The natives are, moreover, importing yarn and thread to weave their own cloth, which is satisfactory enough in itself, but it would be more satisfactory to Manchester to weave the cloth as well as spin the yarn. In the year 1870 the import of cotton yarn and thread was 108,000 piculs valued at 2½ millions of taels, and since then the demand has increased steadily each year until the import now stands at 228,000 piculs, valued at 5½ millions of taels. In the current year, Mr. DREW says, the demand appears to be further increasing.

The French gunboat *Lutin*, Captain Debar, arrived here on Saturday from a cruise.

H.M.S. *Audacious*, Captain Pearson, R.N., left Amoy on the 14th instant for Swatow.

The Japanese man-of-war *Fooso*, Captain Ito, with Admiral Matsumara on board, arrived at Woosung on the 18th inst.

The *N. C. Daily News* states that Captain Fournier will shortly return to France, with the Preliminary Treaty for ratification.

Mr. H. Budler, of the German Consulate, left Amoy on the 14th instant for Shanghai *en route* to Korea.

The U. S. S. *Enterprise*, Commander A. S. Barker, with their Excellencies Admiral Davis and the Hon. J. Russell Young on board, left Amoy on the 16th instant for Foochow.

We acknowledge receipt of a reprint, in pamphlet form, from the *Japan Mail* office, of that journal's report of the Spring Meeting of the Nippon Race Club, held on the 8th, 9th, and 10th May, 1884.

A Japanese paper says the Meteorological Observatory in Tokio contemplates having telegraphic communication thrice a day with those at Manila, Hongkong, Amoy, Peking, and Vladivostock in future.

Amongst the translations from native papers in the *Japan Mail* we find the following from the *Kwampo*:—Mr. Jose da S. Loureiro, lately appointed Consul-General for Portugal to Japan, has received the Imperial recognition of H.M. the Mikado, to whom the Minister for Foreign Affairs forwarded the report of Mr. Loureiro's appointment.

There is now in Hongkong harbour an illustration of the tremendous velocity with which a sword fish will propel itself, and the power with which it strikes. The American brig *Swan*, Capt. Henderson, which arrived here a few days since from the South Sea Islands, was struck on her way hither by one of these fish, and the result of the freak has been disastrous on both sides, especially to the fish, which lost its proboscis, and no doubt its life, while the brig will have to go into dock to repair the damage. It was probably while in chase of its prey that the sword fish ran foul of the vessel, and its proboscis or sword pierced completely through the side, altogether a thickness of about six inches of wood. The sword entered at one of the seams, which it opened to such an extent as to cause a leak which has necessitated frequent pumping out. The proboscis was found to have broken short off at the creature's nose, and adhering to it were ribands of skin which had evidently been stripped off its head and back. Deeming it possible that it might work out, and leave a bad leak, Capt. Henderson had the end projecting outside the ship sawn off, and canvas and copper nailed over it. The proboscis is over an inch in thickness, and there are several people in the colony who are anxious to get possession of it when it is cut out.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent to the Stamp Ordinance and the Preservation of Birds Amendment Ordinance.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been pleased to direct the recognition of Don Arturo Satorres as Vice-Consul for Spain at this port.

News arrived in the colony on Saturday afternoon that the Indo-China S. N. Co.'s chartered steamer *Ascalon*, which left here for Calcutta with the *Arratoon Apcar* on the 17th inst., had gone ashore, having run upon a rock between here and Singapore.

The steamer *Douglas* went on a trial trip round the harbour yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of testing the efficacy of the repairs which have been executed by the Dock Company after her recent breakdown near Amoy. After a short run she went alongside the wharf, and will now resume work.

Cholera is reported to have broken out at Yang-tsun, a large town on the highway between Tientsin and Peking. Those who are attacked are said to die in a few hours. It is, we fear, by no means improbable that this may prove a sick season in the north, owing to the floods which have devastated the country, and the lack of nutritious food that has resulted.—*N. C. Daily News*.

The *Japan Gazette* says:—The continued indisposition of his Majesty the Emperor is calculated to create some anxiety. A few days ago the announcement was made that the Mikado had recovered his health, and would soon be able to resume his public duties. This was not, we regret to say, quite accurate, for the *Mai Nichi* now reports that his Majesty suffers from slight fever and is unable to take his usual exercise.

Mr. J. Melville Matson, the local manager of the Oriental Bank, received the following telegram from London on Saturday:—"New Oriental Bank progressing satisfactorily. Strong support promised. Will wire particulars shortly." News has been received from Shanghai and Yokohama that the project has been very favourably received there, and that at both these places a considerable number of shares of the new Company have been applied for.

The Austrian gunboat *Albatross*, Captain Wostry, arrived here on Saturday morning from Saigon. She has been on a cruise to various ports in India, and was ordered to China probably in view of the Franco-Chinese difficulty. The *Albatross* is the first Austrian man-of-war that has visited these waters for many years. She is a neat little craft. The Austro-Hungarian Consul paid her a visit on Saturday morning soon after her arrival.

The *Glenogle* got a full cargo of tea at Hankow at £5 per ton. She anchored at the Red Buoy at 11 o'clock on the morning of the 20th inst. and was to leave with the evening's tide. She was drawing 25 feet. The *Oopack* was to leave Hankow on the 20th: her rate and that of the *Glenelg*, was reduced to £3, at which the latter steamer is fully engaged. The *Benalder* and *Ghazee* completed their engagements at £2 10s., and will leave in the order named. The rate for the *Port Phillip* has been lowered to 30s. per ton.

The charge of fraud against Mr. B. D. Benjamin was further proceeded with in the Police Court at Shanghai on the 19th and 20th inst., and was again adjourned. Witnesses were called for the defence, apparently with the object of proving that the witnesses for the prosecution had misunderstood the accused in certain conversations which were put forward by the prosecution as admissions on his part, and, further, that the goods had not been removed from the godown by the direction or with the knowledge of the accused. Mr. Balfour, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was recalled and further cross-examined as to Mr. Benjamin's account. The witness said the debit balance on the 31st December was Tls. 733,180, and on the 11th January Tls. 806,994. On the 31st December the Bank bought Mr. Benjamin's draft on Hongkong for $1,058,495 against bank shares released from other banks. The values of the securities held were not sufficient to cover the debit balance.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 23rd May.

THE CONTROL OF EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

The Premier, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that the system of dual control in the Government of Egypt would not be reverted to.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO "N.-C. DAILY NEWS.")

PEKING, 16th May.

TS'EN YU-YING IN DISGRACE.

An Imperial Decree has been issued in reply to a Memorial from Ts'en Yu-ying, Viceroy of the Yun-kuei Provinces, announcing that he has withdrawn his troops from Tonquin and placed them on guard in certain important positions in Yunnan. The Empress is astonished at such flagrant disregard of the Imperial Mandates, and the Viceroy is to be handed over to the Board of Civil Office for the determination of penalty.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO MR. ROMANO, ACTING PORTUGUESE CONSUL.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. V. C. Rocha, J. M. Guedes, L. A. Rozario, F. D. Guedes, C. J. Gonsalves, F. J. V. Jorge, V. Danenberg, and J. J. de Souza waited on Mr. A. G. Romano at his residence, "The Duart," yesterday morning, to present that gentleman with an address from the Portuguese community praying him to accept the post of Portuguese Consul at this port, which has been offered him by the Lisbon Government. The address, a translation of which we give below, was nicely got up in gold on parchment.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. de Souza, who addressed Mr. Romano in the following terms:—Sr. Commendador Romano, having been charged with the pleasing duty of presenting you with this address, while duly appreciating the honour, I regret that the presentation has not been entrusted to abler hands. I shall, however, endeavour to do my best in the matter. I have little to add to what is already stated in this document, which correctly expresses the feelings of the Portuguese community of Hongkong, every member of which views with the greatest pleasure your resumption of the duties appertaining to the representation of our interests in this Colony. The multifarious duties a Portuguese Consul here has to discharge, owing to the short distance separating Hongkong from Macao, whose Government employs the Consul in this Colony as a financial, commercial, and political agent, render it almost impossible for a merchant, who has little time to spare, to accept the honorary Consulship. It is, therefore, it must be confessed, too much for us to ask you to accept definitively the post which we know has been offered to you, taking also into consideration the fact that even the vote for expenses of representation of the Hongkong Consulate has been struck out of the Macao Estimates. But above all, we appeal to the patriotism which glows in the breast of every true Portuguese, as we know you to be, and hope you will be guided in your decision by a sense of the duty which every man is morally bound to perform towards his country. The address contains nearly two hundred signatures, and I may say, without fear of contradiction, that it is one of the most, if not the most, influential and numerously signed public document ever got up in our community, a fact which must be very gratifying to you, as it assures you of the sympathy and co-operation of your fellow-countrymen in the discharge of your consular duties. With these few words I will now proceed, with your permission, to read the address:—

To Commendador A. G. Romano,
Honorary Member of H. M. F. Majesty's Household,
&c., &c., &c.

We, the undersigned, members of the Portuguese Community of Hongkong, having been officially informed, by a notification published in the *Government Gazette*, that you have again assumed charge of the Portuguese Consulate in this colony, cannot allow this opportunity to pass without testifying to you, in a fitting manner, our gratification, as well as our appreciation of your past valuable services in every branch of the Consular Service.

In the important post of Portuguese Consul in Hongkong for a period of 16 years you always upheld the national dignity, identified yourself with the whole of the Portuguese Community, protected Portuguese subjects in distress, and showed yourself zealous and painstaking in the discharge of your Consular duties, giving entire satisfaction to all your countrymen and to all Portuguese public functionaries with whom you have had official intercourse.

These and other services rendered by you have received due recognition and acknowledgement from the Portuguese Government.

Under circumstances which we shall pass over in silence you showed that you know how to maintain your own dignity by resigning your position in the Consular Service, but after a lapse of seven years you again enter the field of your former labours at a moment when no competent person could be found willing to perform the Consular duties, thus giving a proof of your patriotism and of your kindly feelings towards the Portuguese Community, although you have only assumed temporary charge of the Consulate.

Convinced that a more zealous and experienced Consular Official could not be found here, we sincerely hope you will definitely accept a post so congenial to your feelings and that in this your second period of duty in the Portuguese Consular Service your efforts will be crowned with every success and that you will be enabled to render further services to the country which you have already served with so much zeal and ability.—We have the honour to be, Sir, your countrymen and friends,

J. J. de Souza	Venancio Gutierrez
V. Danenberg	Claudio J. da Silva
F. D. Guedes	F. A. dos Remedios
J. M. Guedes	R. S. Pinto
D. Noronha	J. L. M. Campos
A. H. M. Silva	Dom A. d'Eça
E. F. de Souza	J. V. Ribeiro
F. J. V. Jorge	A. Hyndman
J. F. Tavares	F. M. D. Xavier
M. Gutierrez	P. A. Sequeira
J. M. S. Alves	L. B. Sequeira
J. M. A. Silva	E. Sequeira
F. Freire	R. F. Gutierrez
F. V. Ribeiro	F. S. de Souza
C. A. Jesus	D. M. Baptista
J. A. Gutierrez	V. Alonço
A. F. J. Soares	J. Alonço
A. S. Souza	T. Alonço
J. M. Remedios	V. Ferreira
Dr. A. S. Gomes	A. M. Ferreira
M. A. A. Souza	V. C. Rocha
M. Souza	E. P. Campos
L. G. d'Almada e Castro	F. P. V. Soares
P. H. Rozario	P. A. do Rozario
F. X. Silva	J. Ribeiro
J. G. da Rocha	A. Pinna
A. M. da Silva	A. A. Gutierres
A. E. M. Silva	E. Carneiro
A. A. Cordeiro	F. M. Lima
C. J. Ozorio	F. M. Gutierres
J. M. d'Almeida	S. V. dos Remedios
Q. J. Gutierrez	J. M. Xavier
L. C. Ozorio	H. J. M. Carvalho
J. M. Xavier	E. M. da Silva
F. de Sá	F. Rodrigues
L. de Britto	C. S. Gutierrez
L. d'Araujo Roza	F. S. Souza
E. J. dos Remedios	F. E. Carvalho
Jan. A. Remedios	F. L. Pereira
J. L. Carneiro	A. G. Remedios
C. A. da Silva	J. A. da Luz
F. M. Figueiredo	A. J. do Rozario
J. J. Lopes	F. M. Franco
F. J. Barros	E. A. Souza
A. M. Remedios	S. A. Marçal
A. J. V. Ribeiro	M. M. da Roza
G. Remedios	C. A. Souza
G. M. Carvalho	J. G. Gutierrez
F. H. d'Azevedo	M. Machado
A. do Britto	Evaristo da Cruz
F. X. Vieira Ribeiro	L. A. Xavier
G. A. Yvanovich	B. Gutierrez, Jr.
O. A. da Cruz	D. M. Rodrigues
E. C. Barradas	D. F. Marçal
V. J. Remedios	A. dos Santos
J. L. de S. Alves	J. D. Barros
A. P. Guterres	J. M. Franco
A. C. Botelho	J. M. Jesus
C. J. Gonsalves	J. M. Silva
A. Jorge	V. A. Rozario
J. Remedios	A. M. Baptista
E. Loureiro	N. J. Gomes
C. Corvetti	A. T. G. da Silva
A. J. Vieira	E. Barros
J. P. Pascoal	J. V. Carneiro
C. J. da Rocha	J. Xavier
C. J. Lopes	F. H. Fernandes
M. d'Azevedo	L. Rozario
F. dos Remedios	S. E. Rozario
L. F. Carvalho	Ernesto Antonio
J. da Cunha	O. Baptista
J. de Piana	E. Marques
H. Danenberg	F. A. Ozorio
L. de L. Barretto	J. J. D'Almada e Castro
J. P. Marques	P. M. Alves
M. C. de Souza	A. A. Marçal
R. J. Remedios	Athanasio F. Ribeiro
F. A. Carvalho	F. Almario
Ernesto Remedios	L. A. Rozario
G. Remedios	J. M. Sequeira
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A. A. Remedios	N. A. Sequeira
C. F. Ozorio	F. Viotol
J. R. Gonsalves	L. A. Santos
A. Fonseca	J. M. Xavier
A. L. Barretto	B. J. Lopes
E. F. Rozario	L. L. Lopes
A. do Souza	D. C. V. Ribeiro
P. C. de Souza	S. J. Santos
E. E. da Silva	T. F. Lobo
F. E. S. Soares	S. Silva
L. Noronha	B. A. P. Campos
H. M. Basto	S. Xavier
H. Hyndman, Jr.	D. L. Alemao
F. P. Soares	E. P. Sequeira
C. Danenberg	A. Nunes
M. A. de Carvalho	

Mr. ROMANO, in reply, said—Gentlemen, my countrymen residing in this colony, and so worthily represented by you, through their unfailing generosity towards me, have resolved, on this occasion of my temporary resumption of the Portuguese Consulate, upon giving me a further proof of their friendship by presenting me with this address. I shall not attempt, for lack of appropriate words, to express those feelings of gratitude with which I am now overwhelmed. I must, however, confess that I felt really proud on hearing the expressions in which is couched the document just handed to me, whereon I find the signatures of so many countrymen of mine, residents of Hongkong. One of the highest rewards that may be coveted by him who discharges a public duty, however humble it may appear to be, is to feel assured that his efforts deserve the approbation of his friends. I thus feel rejoiced at the contents of the honourable document I have received from you, as it testifies to the unqualified approbation which my efforts in the due fulfilment of my Consular duties have received from the Portuguese community of Hongkong. I cannot, moreover, overlook the fact, that by circumstances not under my control, it will be very difficult for me presently to devote the necessary time to my consular duties, of the importance of which I am conscious by personal experience. These circumstances compel me to doubt whether it would be possible for me to accept a definitive appointment in case His Majesty complies with the wishes of my countrymen who have been so liberal towards me. I beg, however, to assure you that while I remain in charge of this Consulate, I shall take the best care to use all my influence, in my official capacity, for promoting the welfare of my country and of my countrymen, and I am convinced that any other gentleman who may be appointed by His Most Faithful Majesty, as Portuguese Consul in Hongkong, will study the interests of the nation at large, as well as of the Portuguese residents in this colony. Gentlemen, you will kindly accept and transmit to all those who have signed this document my deep gratitude for this testimonial of their sincere friendship and attachment towards me.

The following is a record of Mr. Romano's Consular career:—Appointed Chancellier of the Portuguese Consulate-General at Hongkong, May, 1861; Vice-Consul, April, 1867; made Companion of the Order of Christ, October, 1871; appointed Acting Consul-General at Hongkong, December, 1875; Honorary Consul, November, 1877; created a Companion of the Order of N. S. da Conceição de Villa Viçosa, November, 1879; K.C. of the same Order, May, 1881; an honorary member of the King's Household, October, 1881.

THE FRANCO-CHINESE CONVENTION.

The following is a translation from the French text of the Preliminary Convention recently concluded between France and China:—

The Government of the French Republic and His Majesty the Emperor of China, wishing by means of a preliminary convention, the terms whereof shall serve as the basis of a definitive treaty to put an end to the crisis which now gravely affects the public tranquility and the general movement of affairs, to re-establish without delay and for ever the neighbourly and friendly relations which ought to exist between the two nations, have named as their respective plenipotentiaries, that is to say:—

His Majesty the Emperor of China, His Excellency Li Hung-chang, Presumptive Grand Tutor of the son of His Majesty the Emperor, First Secretary of State, Viceroy of Chihli, a noble of the first class of the third rank, etc., etc.

The Government of the French Republic, Monsieur Ernest François Fournier, Captain de Frégate, commanding the cruiser *Volta*, Officer of the Legion of Honour, etc., etc.

Who, having exchanged their full powers and found the same in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:—

Art. I.—France undertakes to respect and to protect against all aggression by any nation whatsoever, and under all circumstances, the southern frontier of China, bordering on Tonquin.

Art. II.—The Celestial Empire, reassured by the formal guarantees of good neighbourhood given it by France, as to the integrity and security of the southern frontier of China, undertakes—

1.—To recall immediately to its frontier the Chinese garrisons of Tonquin.

2.—To respect now and in future the treaties made or to be made between France and the Court of Hué direct.

Art. III.—In recognition of the attitude of the Government of the Celestial Empire, and out of respect for the patriotic wisdom of H. E. Li Hung-chang, negotiator of this convention, France renounces her demand for an indemnity from China.

In return, China undertakes to admit along the whole extent of her southern frontier which borders on Tonquin, free traffic in merchandise between Annam and France on the one part and China on the other, regulated by a treaty of commerce and tariffs to be made hereafter in the most conciliatory spirit, on the part of the Chinese negotiators, and with conditions as advantageous as possible for French trade.

Art. IV.—The French Government undertakes not to employ any expression which might impugn the prestige of the Celestial Empire in drawing up the definitive treaty which it is about to contract with Annam, and which will abrogate the previous treaties relative to Tonquin.

Art. V.—Immediately after the signing of this Convention the two Governments shall name their Plenipotentiaries, who will meet within a period of three months, to elaborate a definitive treaty on the basis fixed by the preceding articles.

According to diplomatic usage, the French text is to be regarded as the original.

Done at Tientsin, the 11th May, 1884, (the 17th day of the 4th moon of the 10th year of Kwang-su) in four copies, two in the French language and two in the Chinese language, signed and sealed by the respective Plenipotentiaries.

Each of the Plenipotentiaries retains a copy of each text.

THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

The following is the section of Mr. Ford's report referring to Botanical Gardens:—

In addition to the usual routine work of the Gardens the chief extra work has been:—The laying out of the new piece of ground between the New Garden plateau and Robinson Road. About two thirds of this has been laid out in two terraces. The upper terrace, which measures on an average 172 feet long by 105 feet wide, has been arranged as a nursery for the propagation and culture of plants in pots. To accommodate the plants nearly the whole space has been arranged in table-like beds seven feet wide and two feet apart, raised by brickwork to about eighteen inches above the ground level. To this place most of the pot plants from the old nursery have been removed. The range of glass-roofed pits which was in the old nursery has been removed and placed in a suitable position in this nursery. This arrangement permits of the nursery work being brought under a much more methodical system. The somewhat exposed situation at present is a great drawback to cultivation, but as the bamboo hedges, with which the place has been surrounded, grow and thicken the injury from winds will much decrease. Below this is the second terrace which is about 195 feet long by 78 feet wide. This has been divided by three longitudinal and two transverse four feet wide walks; the intervening areas will be used for the propagation and growth of plants in the open ground preparatory to their being placed in the ornamental ground. New introductions will be acclimatized and proved here before they have permanent positions assigned to them. This terrace also is surrounded by bamboo hedges to shelter the plants from strong winds. The two terraces have been supplied with 900 feet of underground drains to carry off the surplus water during heavy rains. During the past nine months about 10,000 *Eucalyptus* trees have been reared here for planting on the hills. The remaining third of the new piece of land is well in hand and will be completed during the present year. It will be laid out chiefly for the reception of a number of palms which are waiting for suitable accommodation before they can be turned out of the pots which they at present occupy. The palm ground on the plateau is full and as there is no room for extensions on either side we must provide for the new introductions in the ground above referred to. If there had been room for the purpose it would have been much better to have had the palm collection all in one place than to divide it.

From the walk which passes through the lower section and connects the terraces with the plateau an excellent view of the harbour and of the palms and conifers is obtained. The position is a most suitable one for a kiosk, which I trust will in time be furnished both as a screen from sun and a shelter from rain to visitors. The Band Stand, which was, by the liberality of the Parsee Community presented to the Gardens in 1866, is the only place in the Garden in which any one can take refuge if caught in a shower. It would be a great boon to visitors if two or three inexpensive summer houses could be placed in other parts of the Gardens.

During the summer the rockeries in the New Garden were slightly extended, and planted up in places where they had become bare, with ferns, bromeliads, and ornamental foliaged plants. As on many previous occasions, however, a great many of the most striking plants were stolen soon after they were planted. There are several kinds of plant that are desirable for rockery decoration, which in consequence of their attractiveness to unprincipled visitors it has been found cannot be retained in such situations.

The sides of the walk leading from Glenealy Ravine to the Aviary were planted up with scitamineous and amaryllideous plants, ferns and palms.

A slip of ground bordering a walk on the east side of the Garden was prepared and planted with shrubby and herbaceous Japanese plants, amongst which a few Hongkong plants were placed. These included *Rhodoleia Championi* and *Gordonia anomala* trees about 12 feet high. As this was the first time that these species, except as very small plants, have been transplanted it is useful and interesting to record the success of the operations.

The collection of *Agaves* and *Aloes* on the northern side of the lower terrace has been enlarged by the addition of several new species for which an additional piece of ground had to be taken in and supported by a retaining wall.

The changes indicated in par. No. 10 of my report for 1882 of the old nursery arrangements have been commenced. The whole of the plants were removed and the ground, which was on two terrace levels, was reduced to one uniform level. On this a new plant-house has been erected and filled with ornamental and interesting plants. The house is 48 feet long and 22 feet wide. The sides above the brick-work consist of netting made of quarter-inch wide split bamboo with three-quarter-inch meshes. The roof, which is flat, consist of quarter-inch diameter bamboo wove together with coir string, the bamboos being about one quarter inch apart; this affords the requisite amount of shade for the plants. The roof which is 8 feet from the ground is supported by three-inch diameter water pipes built on and in the brick-work. The internal arrangement consists of a centre table seven feet wide and side tables three feet four inches wide and two feet six inches high, with four feet wide paths. I trust that subsequently we shall be able to erect two other structures, one about the same size and description, and the other a glass-roofed one for the cultivation of maiden-hair and other fragile ferns, &c., which, without protection from heavy summer rains and parching and cold winter winds, cannot be satisfactorily cultivated.

The old wooden monkey and bear house which was in a bad situation and condition has been abolished and a new octagon one constructed in brickwork, with a galvanized iron roof; the front, three sides of the octagon, has been fitted with half-inch iron bars. The old arrangement had wire netting which was very trying for the eyes of visitors in attempting to see through it.

The fine plant of *Bignonia venusta* close to the new bear house has had a substantial new trellis provided for its support. The trellis is in the form of a broad archway which spans a walk; in its construction old three-inch-diameter iron water pipes have been used for the perpendicular supports of the wooden arch.

A considerable amount of returfing has been done in various places where the grass had become uneven and worn. In some places where grass-turf would not grow under the shade of trees a liliaceous plant named *Ophiopogon* has been used with good effect. This forms an agreeable dark green carpet and unlike grass, requires no mowing.

About 250 lineal feet of underground earthenware pipe drains which had become choked have been taken up and replaced with properly constructed brick drains with improved pipe-holes and grates, besides about 500 feet of other drains which were taken up and cleaned. A considerable amount of surface channeling has also been relaid. Nearly 5,000 square yards of walks received fresh surfacing of material and the whole of the walks are in complete order. The walks with steep gradients ought to be concreted and surfaced with a thin covering of cement to save the endless work, which absorbs much time and is somewhat costly, in repairs after every shower of rain that carries off a large amount of the material. However, this cannot be accomplished for want of sufficient money. If money could be obtained at one time it would be soon saved by the cessation of such frequent repairs, and considerable economy would be effected in subsequent years, as concreted garden walks when once done would need little or nothing doing to them for a great many years.

In paragraph No. 6 of my report for 1881, I expressed a hope that I might be able to institute a system of plant sales on a small scale for the benefit of those desirous of obtaining plants from the Gardens who are not in position to procure them by the ordinary means of exchange. Now that authority has been granted for the introduction of this system the propagation of a small stock of plants for sale has been commenced. It is not intended that my interference shall be made with the native nursery gardeners, nor that plants such as annuals, which every one can obtain seeds of by purchase from the stores, shall be sold, but only such as cannot be obtained elsewhere in the Colony.

In the Government House grounds two rockeries have been constructed near the entrance.

For the rockeries and all new planting works a large amount of soil from the hills has been supplied to replace a similar quantity of the bad soil which it was necessary to remove.

Several additions have been made to the number of varieties in the bamboo collection.

The collection of ferns in pots which has become of considerable extent requires an improved method of arrangement to display them to advantage. I hope, when means permit, to be able to effect this arrangement for their more complete inspection.

Three days on which there were average attendances of visitors were selected for taking their numbers. The average for each day showed the number of Chinese to be 856 and of foreigners 400, total 1,256. These numbers do not include amahs and children.

Toward the end of the year the Public Works Department by repairing the landslip which occurred in the Glenealy Ravine in 1881, again provided means of access which had been interrupted for two years, to the New Gardens from the Robinson Road.

In June last Mr. A. B. Westland arrived from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, to take up the position of Assistant in this Department.

The Herbarium and Library has received constant attention whenever intervals could be devoted to them.

The usual exchanges of plants and seeds have been made with the various establishments and persons mentioned below. The number of receipts was 1,020 plants, 128 bags and packets of seeds, 12 animals and 9 wardian cases, from 45 contributors.

Of plants sent out the number was 5,674, of seeds 36 boxes, bags, and packets, of wardian cases 14.

[Here follows a list of the principal contributors to the Garden, and of the recipients to whom plants and seeds were sent.]

THE CANTON SALT COMMISSIONER'S DEPARTURE FROM NINGPO.

A correspondent at Ningpo sends us the following, dated 17th inst.:—

His Excellency Jui Chang, Taotai of Ningpo, having by Imperial Decree been appointed Chief Salt Commissioner at Canton, handed over the seals of office on the sixth day of the second moon to Ma Sze-liang, the present Acting Tao-tai. It is still uncertain when a new Taotai will be appointed. The Consular body felt it their duty to give expression to their appreciation of Jui Tao-tai's manner of conducting business with them, and sent the following address to him:—

SIR,—We, the undersigned, as Consuls or Vice-Consuls for our respective nations, desire to express our great admiration of the regard for justice and rectitude which your Excellency has continued to show during the many years in which you have been engaged with us in the management of public business and the conduct of international relations at this port. We have learnt that your Excellency has been promoted to be Chief Commissioner of the Gabelle at Canton, and that in a short time you will be proceeding to your post. We cannot adequately express the friendly feeling which we bear towards you, but we have prepared with care a scroll inscribed with four characters, which we hope will keep our memory away with you. This scroll we desire to present to Your Excellency in person.—We have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servants,

(Sig.) WILLIAM M. COOPER,
Consul for Great Britain and Austro-Hungary,
Vice-Consul for Denmark.
(Sig.) EDWIN STEVENS,
Consul for the United States of America;
(Sig.) JULIUS HARTMANN,
Acting Consul for the Netherlands, Acting Vice-Consul for Germany, Sweden, and Norway.

Permission to accept the scroll having been accorded to Jui Chang by Imperial mandate, it was presented by the Consular body in person on the 25th April, Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, H.B.M.'s Vice-Consul, acting as interpreter.

The departure of His Excellency for Canton having been officially fixed for the 20th and 21st of the fourth moon, *i.e.*, 14th and 15th May, the Admiral of the Station placed a man-of-war at the disposal of Jui Chang. The Tao-tai, however, having a large family and a numerous retinue, by a feeling of delicacy, and as an additional mark of his esteem for and confidence in foreigners, made arrangements that one of Messrs. Siemssen & Co.'s line of British steamers was to call here on her way South. To the gratification of the Admiral, he accepted besides the escort of the well-built man-of-war *Chao Wu*, commanded by Captain Têng Chung-pao. Accordingly the steamer *Peking*, 854 tons register, commanded by Captain G. Heuermann, made her appearance here at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th instant, after a run of thirteen hours from Shanghai, and was moored by permission of the China Merchants' S. N. Co. on their pontoon. The import and export cargo having by special arrangement with H.M. Customs been rapidly disposed of the steamer was ready for the reception of the Tao-tai's family, retinue and luggage.

Jui Chang, accompanied by Captain Têng Chung-pao, numerous friends and servants, paid the steamer a long visit of inspection, expressing his entire satisfaction with the manner in which Captain Heuermann had placed the splendidly fitted up saloon and the well ventilated and comfortable state rooms at the disposal of himself and family, besides showing great solicitude that all his attendants were well lodged and cared for. When the ladies had come on board during the night, the *Peking* moved away from the pontoon into mid-stream.

On Wednesday, May 14th, at 5 p.m., Jui Tao-tai proceeded in Captain Têng Chung-pao's steam-launch on board the *Chao Wu* in order to receive valedictory visits, and at 6.30 p.m. he went on board the *Peking*, his many-coloured flag being hoisted to the fore when his foot touched the deck. Captain Heuermann entertained the Tao-tai and Mr. Hartmann, the steamer's Agent, at dinner, and the evening was spent in a social and amicable manner. On Thursday, the 15th instant, at 1 p.m., the *Peking*, acting in accordance with the *Chao Wu*, took leave of the dense crowds on shore by a deafening scream of the steam-whistle, and, answering the flag salute of the *Pao Shun*, proceeded down the river. Passing the *Chao Wu*, the latter fired the usual three guns, a band playing, and then promptly followed in the wake of the *Peking*. The day was bright and clear, and a cooling breeze sprung up as the *Peking* and her escort steamed rapidly past the green banks of the Yung. The banks of the river were lined by gay flowing banners and infantry, in alternate divisions from a point two miles above Chin-hai down to the forts, soldiers firing volleys of musketry with military precision; and the bands playing lively tunes. The numerous forts and camps were all in holiday attire, saluting with their big guns so that the old Customs station shook to its foundations. Steaming out of the river mouth, more and more salutes were fired and flags dipped, as fort after fort of the well-defended rocky coast opened to view, all the salutes being with great accuracy responded to by dipping H.E.'s flag on the fore of the *Peking*. While passing through the beautiful scenery of the inland sea south of Chusan, Captain Heuermann and Mr. Hartmann entertained the Tao-tai and his family by sundry gymnastic performances on a swinging bar, etc., which were much appreciated especially by the fair audience. The sea was only rippled by a cooling east wind, when the strong ebb-tide setting in swept the steamers swiftly towards Sinqloe Island, where the pilot-boat, with unfurled sails, skimmed the waves like a huge butterfly. At five p.m., after a hearty farewell, Messrs. Hartmann and Ledersen went over the steamer's side into the pilot-boat, and cast off the rope, with a waving of handkerchiefs, salute by steam-whistle, good bye and a pleasant trip to our friends down to the sunny South.

A project is on foot to start an Alcohol Factory in Tokio, with a capital of 250,000 *yen*, divided into 2,500 shares. Out of the total quantity of *sake*, daily imported from Kiushiu and the south-western districts, at least 2 *koku* 5 *sho* are impure; and it is believed that a highly profitable business can be realized by manufacturing this important medical spirit from the refuse *sake*.

POLICE COURT.

May 24th.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE.

STRAGGLERS.

James Connor, seaman of the British ship *Frank Carvill*, admitted being a straggler from his ship, and the police were ordered to put him on board.

LARCENY FROM A JUNK.

Ng Akan, seaman, was charged with stealing a bag containing $15.61, 19 pieces of broken silver, and 1,600 cash from a junk.

On Friday afternoon the master of the *Man Hop* junk, which is lying off the Central Market, went ashore for a few minutes, leaving no one on board his vessel. As he was returning, he saw the defendant leaving the junk with a bag in his hand. He recognised the bag as the one he kept his money in, and which he had left locked up in a box in the hold. He went after the prisoner, and after a good chase, overhauled him in Gough-street, where he handed him to a constable. The prisoner had the spoil in his possession at the time.

The defendant said the complainant asked him to take charge of the junk in his absence, and he did so. He saw the money there, and being afraid it would be stolen, he took possession of it.

Convicted and sent to gaol for a month.

FRAUD.

Cheung Asu, boatman, was charged with having obtained about $15 worth of eggs from a shopkeeper on the 23rd inst.

The prisoner was employed on board a junk, and he went to a shop where the junk master had been in the habit of dealing, and obtained the eggs by stating they were for his master, who would pay for them. The complainant, though suspecting the man, supplied him with the eggs, but sent a coolie to follow him and see what he did with them. It was fortunate he did so, for it saved him from being defrauded. The junk master had not sent the prisoner to get the eggs.

The prisoner was sent to gaol for a month.

FOOCHOW.

H.B.M.'s gunboat *Merlin*, Commander Brenton, arrived in Foochow on the 11th inst. to relieve H.B.M.'s gunboat *Foxhound*, which vessel proceeds to Hongkong *en route* for England, the term of her second commission having expired. We are pleased to learn that it is now definitely arranged that a British gunboat will hereafter be stationed regularly at Foochow.

During the thunderstorm which so suddenly came up and passed over Foochow at about half-past one o'clock on the afternoon of the 8th inst. a Hwai Yuen and an officer of the lekin were standing together on the opposite bank of the river at a place called Ah Mau Chew. The former asserts that he felt himself suddenly removed by some unseen agency, whilst the latter was struck dead—a just punishment, according to the natives, for his sins in the matter of "squeezing." If, however, all such offences were to be similarly visited, the excessive population of China would undoubtedly soon be diminished. In the vicinity of Mamoi, the lightning during the same storm appears to have occasioned the death of five more natives. Upon the commencement of the tempest, a Chinese labourer, who was ploughing a field at Tu Lok Kign ceased his work and, foolishly shouldering his glittering agricultural implement, was returning homeward, when the electric fluid being attracted, he was instantaneously killed. The other deaths occurred at places called Ting Chaw and La Luk, the deceased who met with his death at the former place being a vendor of crockery ware, and the three natives of the latter locality were wandering round in search of employment at the time of the accident.

We regret to learn of the outbreak of cholera in the City, which description of epidemic is unusual at the present season, and was quite unexpected, as there has recently fallen a sufficiency of rain to flush the ill-constructed sewers, whilst the heat has not been excessive, and but little even unripe fruit is at present procurable in the market. We therefore presume that the occasion of the present disease is solely attributable to the personal uncleanliness of the natives, and to bring about a reformation in this respect is of course beyond the power of foreign authorities.

After an unusually long immunity from fires of any serious character, which is probably chiefly due to the prohibition of the use of kerosine oil by the natives, we have to record the occurrence of no less than three conflagrations during the past week, two of which were of a most extensive character. At about four o'clock on the morning of the 9th inst., some premises situate near Sing Kang Kiau were discovered on fire, and although every effort was made to prevent the flames from spreading, no less than eighty houses were razed to the ground before the flames could be got under; the damage being estimated at about $4,000. On the following night, a still more serious conflagration occurred in Ah Doo Street, the fire commencing at about half-past ten, and raging fiercely until midnight, by which hour no less than one hundred and fifty small tenements were destroyed, and, we regret to add, three lives lost. The origin of the fire is a mystery, although the current report amongst the Chinese is that it was a visitation of *Joss*, as it appears that the flames were first observable in a dwelling where a coffin containing the body of a woman of ill-fame was deposited awaiting burial. The occupier of the latter house received such severe handling from the infuriated mob, who threatened to take his life as soon as the business of looting had been accomplished, that he considered it advisable to abscond during the excitement. The damage occasioned in the present instance is about $12,000. The third fire occurred on the 8th inst., but was fortunately discovered in time to be quenched before getting sufficient hold upon the premises to occasion any considerable damage.—*Herald.*

SHANGHAI.

The new Chinese corvette *Nan Thin*, of which we have already given a brief account in last issue, is a very fine vessel, and has proved herself an excellent sea-going and fast ship. The vessel left Kiel on the 10th March, and arrived in the River Tyne on the 15th, for the purpose of taking in two heavy Armstrong guns; all her other guns are Krupp made. She was detained by the authorities in Newcastle, as the then pending disturbances between China and France led to the impression that a breach of neutrality laws might be committed if the vessel was allowed to depart with the guns on board. The point involved by placing the guns on board having been settled, she left the River Tyne on the 25th March, making her way to the Far East by way of the Suez Canal. In the Canal she received some damage to her propeller; we learn that this was caused by two merchant vessels colliding which were ahead of the *Nan Thin*; and the latter attempting to back, got aground by her stern; she was docked at Suez and sailed after six days' detention for Singapore, where, after taking in a supply of coals, she sailed direct for Shanghai, making thus the passage from the River Tyne to Woosung in about forty-two days, deducting her detentions. Besides the Captain and four officers she had a private crew on board of sixty men. Half of this number were discharged from the vessel, and they will be sent home in one of the D. D. R. Co.'s steamers; the other half of the crew will be kept on board to repaint the vessel, before she is turned over to the Chinese authorities. This is expected to take place during next week. The *Nan Thin* is now under the New Dock shears in order to hoist on deck the two Armstrong guns which she took in in the River Tyne and which are stowed in her hold.—*Mercury.*

Owing to an absurd rumour, the Chinese were under the impression on Saturday, the 17th inst., that there was something wrong with the Chartered Mercantile Bank, and accordingly they handed in their cheques to be cashed, which was done without trouble. A native banker refused to receive one of the Bank's notes as he was under the impression that the Yuh-le Bank had closed its doors.

A cute Chinaman yesterday (19th) put into execution an idea that he had formed on Saturday. When he heard the rumour that something was wrong with the Yuh-le Bank he made enquiries, and finding the bank safe, immediately bought up all the notes he could get at 25 per cent. discount! As there were a number of frightened sellers, he has probably made a good thing of his speculation.

On the 17th inst. we had such weather as is only met with in Shanghai and its neighbourhood. It was, for the time of year, excessively hot; the atmosphere was oppressive in the extreme, not a breath of wind stirring; heavy thunder-clouds overspread the sky, and every now and then a smart shower fell, culminating in a heavy down-pour in the evening. The barometer between six and seven o'clock fell to 29.65. Suddenly, towards daybreak, a violent gale sprang up from the north, and the thermometer fell rapidly. Windows, shutters, and doors banged loudly, and the fitful sound of broken glass showed that a certain amount of damage was being sustained in those houses whose inmates had not seen that their fastenings were secure. Several trees were blown down in the Settlements, and some gas-lamps broken. We fancy that about this time many persons woke up finding themselves considerably colder than when they went to bed. The *Keelung*, from Swatow, reports as follows:—At 7.30 p.m. on Saturday passed Bonham Light, with light southerly winds and overcast sultry weather; 9.30 abreast of Gutzlaff with thick rain; at 11 p.m. anchored with thick weather, heavy rain, wind, thunder and blinding flashes of lightning till midnight. From then to 1.30 a.m. there was less wind, though frequent rain squalls. This was followed by heavy rain and lightning, which was unaccompanied by thunder. At 3 a.m. the weather moderated and cleared up. The *Keelung* then proceeded with light breezes from N. to W. and variable. At 5 a.m. there was a strong gale of wind, with rain squalls. The rain-storm does not appear to have passed to seawards much to the North of Shanghai, as the *Haeting*, which arrived here late last night, reports that beyond a high sea and strong N. W. gale she experienced neither rain nor thunder and lightning. It will be seen by the reports from Zi-ca-wei Observatory that the force of the wind at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 18th was 23.1 miles per hour, while at 4 o'clock in the afternoon it was still as high as 20.6 miles. In the morning the strong wind was accompanied by a dust storm.—*N. C. Daily News.*

CHINKIANG.

16th May.

His Excellency Tso Tsung-tang and suite arrived in the Chinese gun-vessels *Ting Hae* and *Ching Yuen* at 9 p.m. last night from Nanking, and landed this morning at Kwachow; after making a few official visits, he proceeds to Peking by the Grand Canal to-day.

H.B.M. gunboat *Espoir*, from Kiukiang, passed through at noon without stopping.

The British steamer *Pathan*, from Shanghai, passed up yesterday for Hankow to load new season teas. This makes the twelfth steamer of the tea fleet which has passed.—*Shanghai Mercury.*

TIENTSIN.

13th May.

News from Peking is that over thirty memorials have been handed in impeaching Li Hung-chang for having made the treaty with France as he has; no doubt they are all of the War Party and Her Majesty understands the object; so they will be shelved, like all the former memorials.

The three Chinese Ambassadors, Marquess Tseng, Li Fung-pao, and Chen, are to be replaced by others. For the United States, Taotai Cheng of Formosa has been selected.

It is said that Her Majesty's reason for calling Tso to Peking is for him to account to Her Majesty for the events of Tonquin, the responsibility of which rests upon him as much as Ni Yang Tu-shing.

15th May.

Our Chinese of the War Party here do not believe in the peace concluded on Sunday last between France and China, but they say that France applied for an armistice, which they say H.E. Li Hung-chang was pleased to grant.

Captain Fournier intends to leave here by the first steamer; he takes with him a treaty which no doubt is, and will be, to France the greatest satisfaction.—*Shanghai Mercury* Correspondent.

PEKING.

12th May.

The new members of the Tsung-li Yamên paid their introductory visits on Friday and Saturday to all the foreign Legations. The Beileh I Kuang did not, however, accompany them, being on leave of absence for ten days.

The most ridiculous rumours are abroad here among the Chinese. The first is that, as there is an intercalary fifth moon this year, there is likely to be the fall of a dynasty. This is founded upon the exquisite reason that when the Ming dynasty fell there was an intercalary fifth moon. The second report is that, as a necessary and logical consequence of the red afterglows last year there will be either war or famine. The third is the most startling of all. It is nothing more nor less than that the Emperor T'ung Chih left a son, who is now living out at nurse somewhere in the interior of the country. I have not yet met any body who has seen him, however.

I just hear of the arrival in Peking of Sir Harry Parkes and Herr von Brandt.—*N. C. Daily News* Correspondent.

The Luther Exhibition in the Grenville Library of the British Museum will soon be replaced by a fresh series of books, manuscripts, and prints relating to John Wickliffe.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY, 24th May.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/8¾
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/8¾
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/9
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/9¼
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/9½

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4.67
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4.77

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight ... 224
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight ... 224

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight 72½
Private, 30 days' sight 73½

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—126 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—$550 per share.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—$75 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,425 per share.
Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 141 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—$100 per share.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.
Canton Insurance Office, Limited—$95 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$342½ per share.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$65 per share.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—buyers 58 per cent. premium.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—$13 per share premium.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—20 per cent. discount.
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—par.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—$84 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—$145 per share.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—117 per cent. premium.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—nominal.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$90 per share.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—$145 per share.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—$100 per share.
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—$190 per share.
Selangor Tin Mining Company—$250 per share.
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 35 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—½ Premium.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & Co.'s REGISTER.)

May 24th.

Barometer—9 A.M.	29.90
Barometer—1 P.M.	29.093
Barometer—4 P.M.	29.910
Thermometer—9 A.M.	75
Thermometer—1 P.M.	75
Thermometer—4 P.M.	74
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	[illegible]
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	68
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	[illegible]
Thermometer—Maximum	75
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	73

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON AND HAMBURG	Esmeralda	Jaeger	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Priam (str.)	Butler		Butterfield & Swire	On or about 4th June.
MARSEILLES VIA SAIGON &c.	Djemnah (str.)	de Boisseuil Baron		Messageries Maritimes	On 29th inst., at Noon.
NEW YORK	Anna	Schildt	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Oxfordshire (str.)	Jones		Russell & Co.	On 2nd June.
SAN FRANCISCO	Frank Carvill	Chapman	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA Y'HAMA	San Pablo (str.)			O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 30th inst., at 3 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C.	Martha	McPherson	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
PORTLAND (OREGON)	Navesink	Weeks	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	Laju (str.)	Mann		Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On or about 11th June.
TRIESTE, &c.	Orion	Maharsich		Melchers & Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
BATAVIA, SAMARANG, &c.	G. G. s'Jacob (str.)	Besseling		Jardine, Matheson & Co.	On or about 31st inst.
YOKOHAMA	Volga (str.)	Du Temple		Messageries Maritimes	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO	Benlarig (str.)			Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO	Electra (str.)	F. Nagel		Siemssen & Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	Saghalien (str.)	Homery		Messageries Maritimes	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	Peking (str.)	G. Henermann	Hongkong	Siemssen & Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI VIA AMOY	Jason (str.)	Milligan		Butterfield & Swire	On or about 27th inst.
MANILA VIA AMOY	Zafiro (str)	Talbot	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	On 28th inst., at 5 P.M.
HOIHOW AND PAKHOI	Ping-ou (str.)	McCaslin	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	To-morrow, Daylight.
SWATOW	Douglas (str.)	S. Ashton	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

26TH MAY TO 1ST JUNE, 1884.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water: Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water: Height.	Low Water: Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water: Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
M.	26	m 9 36	5 6	m 3 2	0 6
		11 14 a	2 0	4 31 a	—2 3
Tu.	27	m 10 8	5 6	m 3 43	0 8
				5 23 a	—2 2
W.	28	m 0 11	3 4	m 4 26	0 11
		10 52 a	5 3	6 11 a	—1 11
Th.	29	m 1 13	2 3	m 5 14	1 9
		m 11 37	4 10	7 0 a	—1 7
F.	30	m 2 21	3 2	m 6 10	1 5
		11 25 a	4 3	7 59 a	—1 2
Sat.	31	m 3 29	2 4	m 7 10	1 4
		1 30 a	3 7	8 52 a	—0 8
S.	1	m 4 23	1 0	m 8 41	1 6
		2 39 a	3 0	9 42 a	—0 9

The height of mean sea-level has been determined at 7.5 feet above zero of the tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard; and the Low-water Ordinary Spring-Tides, to which datum the heights in these Tables are referred, as 3.5 feet above zero.

The heights in the Tables marked with a minus (—) sign are below Low-Water Ordinary Spring-Tides, and should be subtracted from the constants given above.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.78	29.91	29.87
Temperature	77.3	75.4	74.3
Humidity	82	70	67
Direction of wind	N.	E.N.E.	E.
Force of wind	1	5	5
Weather	O.G.	O.	O.
Rain	—	0.03	—

1.—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2.—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees and tenths Fahrenheit.
3.—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4.—DIRECTION OF THE WIND to two points.
5.—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6.—STATE OF THE WEATHER: B. blue sky; C. detached clouds; D. drizzling rain; F. fog; G. gloomy; H. hail; L. lightning; O. overcast; P. passing showers; Q. squally; R. rain; S. snow; T. thunder; V. visibility; W. dew (wet).—The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the average of their signification.
7.—RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

For further particulars see "Instructions for making Meteorological Observations in China" (KELLY AND WALSH, Hongkong).

W. DOBERCK.

Hongkong Observatory, 24th May, 1884.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, January, 1867. [20

CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT
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Is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at ½ % nett per Annum, and other INSURANCES at Current Rates.
AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang, and the Philippines.
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1882. [731

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), $1,000,000.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, Queen's Road West,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1881. [554

INSURANCES.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
The Undersigned are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE at the Reduced Tariff Rates to the extent of $50,000 on First-class Risks.
LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Agents, Sun Fire Office.
Hongkong, 12th May, 1881. [13

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one
FIRST-CLASS RISK.
RATES ON FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS REDUCED to ½ PER CENT. NETT PER ANNUM FROM THIS DATE.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1881. [17

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 5th November, 1883. [899

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, as Agents for the above Company, are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICES upon FIRST-CLASS RISKS to the extent of £15,000, at the Reduced Tariff Rates.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1881. [14

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS at ½ per Cent. Nett premium per Annum.
NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1881. [1

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.
THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of $65,000, on first-class risks at current rates.
MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [10

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877, IN HAMBURG.
THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are Prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at Current Rates.
PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. [192

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [16

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.
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Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.
LIFE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000, at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, 26th July, 1872. [11

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [12

THE CHINA MERCHANTS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
CAPITAL (FULLY SUBSCRIBED) Tls. 1,000,000.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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Usual returns of Premia are made to all Contributors of Business whether Shareholders or not.
HO SHEN CHEE, Secretary.
Head Office, Hankow Road,
Shanghai, 1st June, 1882. [1102

CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED 1805.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.
Hongkong, January, 1882. [947

PHŒNIX FIRE OFFICE.
The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at the following Rates:—
On First-class European Tenements .... at ½ %. Net per Annum.
On First-class Godowns, & Merchandise stored therein .... at ½ %. Net per Annum.
On Coals .... at 1 %. Net per Annum.
On Petroleum in licensed Godowns .... at 1½ %. Net per Annum.
On First-class Chinese Tenements .... at 2 %. Net per Annum.
On Second-class Chinese Tenements .... at 2½ %. Net per Annum.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents for Phœnix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 5th August, 1881. [15

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and PORTS on the YANGTSZE).
THE Company's Steamship
"JASON,"
Captain Milligan, will be despatched as above on or about the 27th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1884. [986

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS).
THE Company's Steamship
"ORION,"
Captain G. Maharsich, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1884. [960

NETHERLANDS-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG, AND SOURABAYA, VIA SAIGON, AND SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship
"GOUVERNEUR GENERAAL S'JACOB,"
Captain Besseling, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 31st instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1884. [989

UNION LINE.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"OXFORDSHIRE,"
Captain Jones, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 2nd June.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1884. [990

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"PRIAM,"
Captain Butler, will be despatched as above on or about the 4th June.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1884. [821

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, FIJI, AND TASMANIA.)
THE Eastern and Australian Steamship Company's Chartered Steamer
"LAJU,"
Captain Mann, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 11th June.
Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to FOUR P.M. of the day previous.
Contents and Value of the packages must be declared.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1884. [966

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.
THE Steamship
"BENLARIG,"
expected here on the 23rd instant, will have prompt despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1884. [978

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
THE Company's Steamship
"SAGHALIEN,"
Captain Homery, will be despatched for SHANGHAI,
shortly after her arrival from Europe.
I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 24th May, 1884.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MASSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
THE Company's Steamship
"VOLGA,"
Captain Du Temple, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA,
shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.
I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 24th May, 1884.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 3/3 L. I. I. British Ship
"FRANK CARVILL,"
Chapman, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1884. [895

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
THE 3/3 L. I. I. German Bark
"ESMERALDA,"
Jaeger, Master, will load here for the above Ports and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1884. [834

FOR VICTORIA, B.C.
THE British Bark
"MARTHA,"
McPherson, Master, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1884. [897

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA
ALSO,
BOMBAY.
ON THURSDAY, the 29th day of May, 1884, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "DJEMNAH," Commandant de Boisseuil Baron, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon of 28th May, 1884.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M.; on the 28th May, 1884. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.
Honkong, 19th May, 1884.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.
THE Steamship "SAN PABLO," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 30th, instant, at THREE P.M.
To be followed by the S. S. "ARABIC," on MONDAY, the 9th June, at THREE P.M.
Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ALL PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.
RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 % from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 % will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 % from Return Fare. *These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central, and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1884.

STEAM COMMUNICATION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
THE WEST AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S Steamer
"NATAL"
J. Wood, Commander, under engagement with the Straits and Western Australian Governments, is expected to leave Singapore for Fremantle, calling at Batavia, Roebuck Bay, Cossack, Sharks Bay and Geraldton, as notified below:—
PROPOSED TIME TABLE.
NORTHWARD SERVICE.
Leaving Fremantle calling at Geraldton, Sharks Bay, Cossack, Roebuck Bay, and Batavia.
18th March, 2nd May, 13th June, 18th July, 28th Aug. 11th Oct. 2nd Dec.
Arriving at Singapore,
4th April, 19th May, 29th June, 4th Aug. 14th Sep. 28th Oct. 19th Dec.
SOUTHWARD SERVICE,
Leaving Singapore, calling at Batavia, Roebuck Bay, Cossack, Sharks Bay and Geraldton,
12th April, 24th May, 1st July, 10th Aug. 23rd Sep. 5th Nov. 21st Dec.
Arriving at Fremantle.
30th April, 11th June, 18th July, 28th Aug. 8th Oct. 30th Nov. 8th Jan.
The "NATAL" has a remarkably fine Saloon, and also excellent accommodation for Second and Third Class Passengers.
For Freight and Passage to the above and other Australian Ports, apply to
McALISTER & Co., Agents.
Singapore, 5th February, 1884. [443

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).
THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Bark
"NAVESINK,"
Weeks, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1884. [757

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. I. German Ship
"ANNA,"
Schildt, Master, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1884. [896

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.
CHAS. HEIDSIECK'S CHAMPAGNE, 1880, WHITE SEAL.
$19 .... per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$20 .... per case of 2 dozen pints.
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$24 .... per case of 1 dozen quarts.
CHATEAU LAROSE.
$12 .... per case of 1 dozen quarts.
PONTET CANET.
$9.50 .... per case of 1 dozen quarts.
PALMER MARGAUX.
$7.50 .... per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$8.50 .... per case of 2 dozen pints.
LORMONT.
$5 .... per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$6 .... per case of 2 dozen pints.
ALSO
CUTLER PALMER & Co.'s WINES AND SPIRITS.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1884. [18

FOR SALE.
CHAMPAGNE, 1874
HEIDSIECK & Co.'s
MONOPOLE.
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1881. [1259

J. AND R. TENNENT' ALES and PORTER.
DAVID CORSAR & SONS'
Merchant Navy, Navy Boiled, Long Flax, Crown } CANVAS.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1867. [19

"LEONHARDI QUELLE."
NATURAL GERMAN SELTZER WATER.
Bottled at the Seltzer-Spring near Gross Karben, in Cases of 8 Dozen Pints, $8.50 per Case.
PUSTAU & Co.—Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1883. [872

IRON BEDSTEADS.
BENT WOOD FURNITURE,
great variety just landed.
CURIOSITIES.
PICTURES, PIANOS, UPHOLSTERY,
FURNITURE,
FOR SALE OR HIRE.
CASSUMBHOY, Opposite City Hall. [23

MAIL EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Arabic*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on the 21st, and is due here on or about the 27th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The Postal Guide for 1884, revised to date, will be found in the *Daily Press* Directory, p. 385 large edition, p. 633 small edition. This is the only authorized complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

☞ The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Foochow.—Per *Suez*, to-day, the 26th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Manila.—Per *Antonio Munoz*, to-day, the 26th inst., at 3.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *San Pablo*, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 30th May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
2.15 P.M., Registry ceases.
2.30 P.M., Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

Day before Departure.
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

Day of Departure.
7 A.M., Post Office opens.
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—

Day of Departure.
NOON.—Money Order Office closes.
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
3.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until
3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until time of departure.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Jewellery, &c., and, where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is not notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, superscribed with the name of the ship, and prepaid at ... per half ounce as usual. The Post Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining enquiries of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China, the Postmasters and Agents of this Office are allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

TEA MUSTERS.

Persons who send Musters of Tea through the Post in Tins are requested to have them made flat or square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round tins securely in the mail bags. It is believed that the tea will travel more safely in flat tins, which are not so liable as round ones to be bulged in.

4 by 3 by 1½ inches is suggested as a good size. The tins should not have sharp corners.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed $50 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, as no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

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SNOW-BORN.

With Autumn's latest breath there came a chill
Of brooding sadness, as o'er pleasures dead;
And through the sunless day, with silent tread,
There seemed to pass, o'er vale and wooded hill,
The footsteps of some messenger of ill.
Through forest ways with rustling leaves o'erspread,
The pine boughs whispered low of bodings dread,
And all the air a mystery seemed to fill.
But in the shadows of enfolding night,
From out the bosom of the frosty air,
Fell a baptismal robe of beauty rare;
And when, at kiss of dawn, awoke the earth,
Each leaf and pine-bough, clad in vesture white,
Told of the peaceful hour of Winter's birth.

HENRY R. HOWLAND, in *Century*.

THE FORTHCOMING CRICKET SEASON IN ENLAND.

It is often said, as the time of year for cricket to supercede football draws round, that the approaching season promises to be the busiest on record and, considering the great strides in public favour cricket has made, this is generally true. But for real importance to all Englishmen, the season which opens to-day bids fair to outrival all its predecessors. Not only are the purely domestic fixtures as numerous as ever, but a team of American cricketers visits us, and, what is of more interest to cricketers all over the world, there is to be a thorough trial of strength between England and Australia. It is from this last feature that the season of 1884 can claim more than usual attention. No one now needs to be reminded that in 1882 the picked eleven of England were beaten by the Australians, under the leadership of Murdoch, and that although the Hon. Ivo Bligh took a team over to the Colonies in the succeeding winter, the attempt to regain the supremacy partially failed. Once more the Australians have left for England, and this time it is hoped, by playing three distinct matches between the full strength of England and the Colonists, to obtain an indisputable verdict as to the supremacy of one or other of the two countries. The first of these contests takes place at Manchester on July 10; the second at Lord's, on July 21; and the third at Kennington Oval, on August 11. It will thus be seen that the question of the rival merits has not, as in former years, been left to the test of a single meeting late in the season, when the grounds are damp and when a fair trial of strength is frequently impossible. The present arrangement is deserving of every praise, and it only remains for the authorities to fix, if possible, one or two trial matches for the Englishmen, so that they are not handicapped by playing together for the time when they meet the Australians, to completely satisfy all those whose hopes and wishes are enlisted on the side of the mother country.

Besides these three great matches, 24 others have been definitely settled for the Colonists, including two each with the Gentlemen of England, the Players of England, and the North of England, eleven divided among the nine great counties, and one each with the Marylebone Club, Cambridge University, Oxford University, the South of England, I Zingari, Cambridge University Past and Present, and an eleven collected by Lord Sheffield. Such a splendid programme as this has never been arranged before, and though there are several vacant dates our visitors will be wise if, in view of the hard tasks before them, they reserve some considerable portion of their time for rest. Regarding the composition of the team it may be pointed out that nine of those who were here in 1882, are again on their way to England, and that the places previously filled by Massie, Horan, Garrett, and Jones, are taken by Midwinter, Cooper, Scott, and Alexander. Of these four, Midwinter will be readily remembered as having played for Gloucestershire until last season, and Alexander as a fairly good bowler, who formed one of the 1880 team, and acted as manager, a post he will fill again. Neither Cooper nor Scott has ever been here before. The former is a slow bowler, who has proved very destructive against English batsmen in the colonies; and the latter is a fine batsman, who scored largely in the season just concluded. The team are expected here towards the end of the month.

Of the Philadelphians and their cricket ability we know little. They, indeed, acknowledge that the object of their visit is chiefly educational, and so it may be surmised that they will not prove very formidable. They would have been wise to postpone their visit for another year, but as they are coming, such attention as is not monopolised by the Australians and our matches will doubtless be awarded them. The matches are to be mainly with amateur elevens, are exclusively two-day contests, and extend from the middle of May to the end of July.

Turning to purely English cricket, it cannot be said that the fixtures present any striking novelty, but the competition between the great counties, which last year excited so much attention, again promises to be very keen, and the prospects at the two Universities, are more than usually favourable. Nottingham, the champion county of last year, has refused to play Lancashire, on the ground that the latter employs unfair bowlers, and its list of matches is thereby reduced to ten. Although there has been a lot of football at the Trent Bridge Ground this season, the centre portion of the enclosure has been carefully protected; and as the applications to play in the Colts' Match were as numerous as ever, and not one of the old members of the eleven has retired, the chances of Nottingham appear decidedly hopeful. Yorkshire, which some chose to think the champion country last year, has no such scruples as Nottingham with regard to Lancashire, and again engages in home-and-home matches with each of the other great counties. The programme is thus a very long one. Still, with Ulyett, Hall, Bates, Lockwood, Peate, Harrison, Hunter, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Lumb, all available, and Emmett, Grimshaw, and Peel to fall back upon, the county has little to fear from any of its rivals. Bradford, Huddersfield, and Dewsbury will all have a share of the home matches, though the majority will be decided at Sheffield. There will be the annual nine days' cricket at Scarborough at the end of the season.

The Middlesex authorities are still seeking for the long-expected fast bowler, who is to bring the metropolitan county to the top of the tree, and many hope their efforts will be crowned with success. A wicket-keeper, too, is required for those occasions when the Hon. A. Lyttelton is not at liberty. Should these two much-needed men be discovered, the Middlesex batting is so much stronger than that of any other county, that a successful season may safely be predicted. A Colts' Match is to be played at the Orleans' Club Ground, at Fulham, on May 10, but otherwise the fixtures are (save for the encounter with the Australians) the same as last year, when Yorkshire, Nottingham, Surrey, Gloucestershire, and Kent were each met twice. Surrey has again a very long list of matches. Like Yorkshire, it engages in contests with each of the great counties. Leicestershire and Hampshire are again encountered, and though the two matches with Somersetshire and the one with Herts are dropped, single engagements with Norfolk and Essex are substituted. The Australians appear five times at Kennington Oval, and if the ground is in as good condition as last year,—and it looks well—there need be no fear but that suitable wickets will be provided.

Nearly all of that young eleven who played together so brilliantly in the latter part of last season will again be ready to do battle for their county, and it will gladden the hearts of the supporters of Surrey to know that Jones, the fast bowler, has recovered from the illness which rendered him incapable of taking part in a single engagement last summer. Lancashire, having had its list of county opponent narrowed down to five, has lengthened its programme by arranging home-and-home matches with Leicestershire, Somersetshire, and Cheshire on the same benevolent principle that Surrey last season entered into engagements with several minor counties; and it is to be hoped that similarly successful results may accrue. A part of the old Trafford Ground has been returfed so that excellent wickets may be expected for the three occasions upon which the Australians appear in Manchester. Crossland and Watson are again engaged as ground men. Prospects in Derbyshire are much brighter than they have been for some years past. The brilliant manner in which the eleven wound up the previous season will encourage them to further effort. Derbyshire Club and Ground will enter into a series of trial matches, in which young players will be encouraged to display any ability they may possess, and, what is scarcely less important, the pecuniary position of the club is greatly improved. A pavilion is being erected, which will obviate the use of the Grand Stand, and one match will probably be devoted to the benefit of Platts, a professional who has done good service for Derbyshire ever since the county has had an existence.

The improvement which was manifested in Sussex last summer may be expected to continue. Lord Sheffield is still active and liberal in his efforts to raise the status of the county in the cricket world. He has again engaged Alfred Shaw as coach, and doubtless the gratifying results of the Notts professional's previous teaching will be manifested in marked degree, as nearly all the men who did so well last year will again take part in the county's matches. The old fixtures with Gloucestershire, not played since 1878—the first year of the Cheltenham week—are revived, and ought to prove very interesting.

There is no good news from Kent. Mr. E. F. S Tylecote has left the county, and little will be seen of either the Hon. Ivo Bligh or Mr. C. Wilson. Lord Harris will still captain the eleven, and something beneficial may be expected from his influence, but unless the Colt's Match at the beginning of May unearths several good men, the chances of Kent taking a prominent position this season will be remote. The matches with Derbyshire are renewed, after a lapse of two seasons. The Australians and Middlesex will be opposed in the Canterbury week—the same programme as in 1880.

Gloucestershire is likely to be weak in the earlier matches, but there is a prospect of the full strength being got together later on, and Gregg is a fair fast bowler who is expected to do the county some service. The regular season begins unusually early with the match with Yorkshire at Moreton-in-the Marsh. Mr. W. G. Grace has quite recovered from his recent illness.

The loss of Mr. C. T. Studd's services at Cambridge will materially weaken the Light Blues, but eight of last year's eleven will again be ready to play for their University, and in Mr. T. Greatorex and Mr. F. Marchant, who are both in residence, Cambridge receives two of the most promising of last year's schoolboy batsmen. There are also many likely seniors and other freshmen to fill up the vacant places in the eleven, but as yet there is no news of a good bowler, who will be badly wanted. Mr. J. E. Studd succeeds his brother as captain, and will be supported by the Hon. M. B. Hawke and Mr. C. W. Wright. No variation is made in the programme of matches save for the encounter with the Australians.

There are more vacancies at Oxford than at the other University, but the class of the freshmen who have gone up is of more than average merit, so Mr. Manley Kemp should have no difficulty in turning out a strong team. Prominent among the new additions to the strength of Oxford, are Messrs. K. J. Key and J. H. Brain from Clifton; Mr. E. H. Buckland from Marlborough; Messrs. Cobb, Ingram, and Ricketts from Winchester; Mr. A. S. Blair from Loretto; and Mr. F. T. Higgins from Westminster. All these have school reputations of a high order, and the Oxford prospects look brighter than for some time past. Immediately after the four trial matches, the Eleven meet the Australians, and the match with Surrey at the Oval is revived after the lapse of a year.

Of the minor counties, Hampshire has arranged home-and-home matches with Kent, Sussex, Surrey, and Somersetshire—a better list of matches than for some years back. Somersetshire also plays Kent, and opposes Lancashire as well, but has a very short programme. Essex, Cheshire, Leicestershire, and Norfolk all promise to be very busy; Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, and Suffolk will strive to improve their positions, but Bedforshire has collapsed through want of support from the county families.

There is little to say at present about the public schools, and doubtless after the production of such a phenomenal lot of good cricketers as came to the front last year, the class of players will temporarily suffer. The performances, however, at the great nurseries of cricket will be keenly watched. At Eton and Clifton the prospects are not encouraging, but at Rugby and Charterhouse there will be a considerable amount of old material to work upon. Altogether the season will possess so many points of interest as to be almost bewildering, but, doubtless, despite its crowded programme, 1884 will make a history itself memorable in the annals of the game.—*Globe.*

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Cardamons, Inferior, per picul	$22.00 to 23.00
Cloves, per picul	$35.00 to 36.50
Coals, Afloat, per ton	— to —
Coals, English steam, per ton	$10.25 to 16.00
Coals, Sydney, per ton	$9.25 to —
Coffee, per picul	$22.20 to 24.50
Copper, Sheathing, Japan, per picul	$20.50 to 21.00
Copper, Rod, Japan, per picul	$23.70 to 24.00
Copper, Nails, per picul	$23.50 to 23.80
Cotton, Bombay, per picul	$15.30 to 16.30
Cotton, Calcutta, per picul	$17.60 to 17.80
Cotton, Ningpo, per picul	$18.20 to 18.60
Cotton, Shanghai, per picul	$16.80 to 17.00
Cotton, Shantung, per picul	$16.30 to 16.50
Cotton, Tientsin, per picul	$17.50 to 17.38
Cotton, Tungchow, per picul	$17.50 to 18.30
Cotton Seeds, Saigon	$4.20 to 4.30
Cotton Seeds, Siam	$4.10 to 4.20
Cuttlefish, Japan	$22.50 to 23.00
Cuttlefish, Japan, without bones, p. pl.	$15.50 to 16.50
Cuttlefish, Chanchow, per picul	$23.00 to 27.50
Dates, Black, per picul	Tls. 2.3.0 to 2.9.5
Dates, Red, per picul	Tls. 2.2.5 to 2.3.5
Dried Lily Flowers	$7.85 to 8.15
Elephant's Teeth, 4 to 5 pieces	$250 to 300
Elephant's Teeth, 7 to 8 pieces	$200 to 220
Flour, California, per sack of 50 lbs.	$1.48 to 1.5[illegible]
Flour, American, per barrel of 100 lbs.	$3.10 to 3.25
Flour, American, per barrel of 200 lbs.	$6.20 to 6.35
Fungus	$30.00 to 30.60
Flints, per picul	$0.50 to 0.63
Ginseng, American, 1st quality, p. picul.	$200 to 235
Ginseng, American, 2nd quality, p. picul.	$160 to 210
Hams, Ordinary, per picul	Tls. 17.7.0 to 18.0.0
Hams, Superior, per picul	Tls. 29.5.0 to 31.0.0
Hemp, Hankow, per picul	$10.50 to 12.00
Hemp, Siam, per picul	$10.40 to 11.00
Isinglass, Japan, per picul	$33.00 to 40.00
Melon Seeds, 1st quality, per picul	$4.90 to 5.20
Melon Seeds, 2nd quality, per picul	$4.50 to 4.65
Mushrooms, per picul	$38.00 to 46.50
Mussels, Dry Siam large, per picul	$8.95 to 9.10
Mussels, Dry Siam middle, per picul	$7.25 to 7.45
Mussels, Dry Siam small, per picul	$6.15 to 6.35
Pea Oil, per picul	Tls. 6.4.0 to 6.5.0
Peas, White, per picul	$2.15 to 2.26
Peas, Green, per picul	$2.23 to 2.25
Peas, Black, per picul	$1.73 to 1.76
Peas, Yellow, per picul	$2. 6 to 2.12
Peas, Green Beans, per picul	$2.15 to 2.25
Pearl Barley, per picul	$6.50 to 7.80
Potatoe Flour, per picul	Tls. 1.6.0 to 1.6.5
Patchouli, per picul	$13.00 to 14.70
Rhinoceros Horn, per picul	$2,6 to 3,0
Rhinoceros Horn, Mother, per picul	$2,0 to 2,4
Rice, Siam, No. 1, per picul	$1.82 to 1.8[illegible]
Rice, Siam, No. 2, per picul	$1.76 to 1.7[illegible]
Rice, Siam, milled No. 1, per picul	$1.64 to 1.65
Rice, Siam, milled, No. 2, per picul	$1.40 to 1.42
Rice, Saigon, No. 1, per picul	$1.57 to 1.60
Rice, Saigon, Hemp bags	$1.75 to 1.76
Rice, Saigon, Straw bags	$1.71 to 1.72
Rice, Japan	$2.10 to 2.70
Saltpetre, per picul	$5.60 to 5.65
Seaweed, Green, per picul	$1.95 to 2.10
Seaweed, Cut, per picul	$2.35 to 2.40
Sesamum, White, per picul	$3.85 to 3.95
Sesamum, Black, per picul	Tls. 2.4.5 to 2.5.5
Sharksfins, per picul	$35.00 to 60.00
Shellfish, Japan, per picul	$27.00 to 29.00
Shellfish, California, per picul	$11.50 to 12.00
Stockfish, per picul	$5.00 to 6.50
Straits Produce, &c.,—	
Betel Nut, per picul	$4.17 to 4.20
Pepper, White, per picul	$21.70 to 22.00
Pepper, Black, per picul	$13.50 to 13.90
Rattan, Straits, per picul	$5.30 to 5.50
Rattans, Banjar, per picul	$4.35 to 4.65
Sandal Wood, Malabar, per picul	$4.30 to 4.85
Sandal Wood, South Seas, per picul	$21.50 to 22.55
Sapan Wood, Manila, per picul	$1.45 to 1.[illegible]
Sapan Wood, Siam, per picul	$2.25 to 2.35
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 1, p. pcl.	$7.50 to 8.05
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 2, p. pcl.	$6.75 to 6.93
Sugar, Shek-lung, Brown, per picul	$4.05 to 4.30
Sugar Candy, Shek-lung, per picul	$8.90 to 9.08
Sugar Candy, Foochow, per picul	$9.65 to 9.70
Sugar Candy, Swatow, White, per picul.	$6.75 to 7.90
Vermicelli, Tientsin, per picul	$7.50 to 7.70
Wheat, Tientsin, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Wheat, Japan, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Wood Oil, per picul	Tls. 6.3.5 to 6.4.0
Window Glass, per box	$3.65 to 3.70

SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Antonio Manez	April 21	R. Osoro	Span. str	527	Remedios & Co	Manila
Atalanta	May 23	Pfaff	Ger. str	787	Siemssen & Co	
China	Jan. 25	G. Sathse	Ger. str	648	Hing Lee & Co	Canton
Chi-yuen	May 25	F. Wallace	Brit. str	1196	C. M. S. N. Co	
C. T. Hook	May 10	W. Jarvis	Brit. str	902	Tung Kee	
Douglas	May 1[illegible]	S. Ashton	Brit. str	982	Douglas, Lapraik & Co	East Coast
Electra	May 22	Nagel	Ger. str	1162	Siemssen & Co	Yokohama
[illegible]	—	Stoneni	Brit. str	117	H. & W. Dock Co.	
Glenorchy	May 19	F. Gedge	Brit. str	1750	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Greyhound	May 24	D. Scott	Brit. str	227	Adamson, Bell & Co	
Hainan	Nov. 28	J. Woone	Brit. str	281	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Hampshire	May 23	A. Child	Brit. str	1699	Russell & Co	
Hankow	—	J. Ogston	Brit. str	2235	Butterfield & Swire	Canton
Honam	—	T. T. Bonning	Brit. str	1311	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Ingraban	May 24	Massmann	Ger. str	893	Siemssen & Co	
Iolani	Mar. 13	Wallace	Brit. str	981	Captain	
Jason	May 25	Milligan	Brit. str	1411	Butterfield & Swire	
Kashgar	May 20	Webber	Brit. str	1515	P. & O. S. N. Co	Yokohama
Kiukiang	—	Clarke	Brit. str	1061	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Kiungchow	—	S. W. Goggin	Brit. str	288	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Namoa	May 24	D. Pitman	Brit. str	863	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Coast Ports
Ningpo	May 21	Crawford	Brit. str	761	Siemssen & Co	Shanghai
Ping-on	May 25	McCaslin	Brit. str	574	Russell & Co	Pakhoi
Orion	May 20	G. Maharsich	A.-H. str	1313	Melchers & Co	Trieste
Powan	—	Lefavour	Brit. str	1842	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
San Pablo	May 21	E. C. Reed	Amr. str	2113	O. & O. S. S. Co	S. Francisco
Saltee	May 22	Lerede	Fr. str	323	A. R. Marty	
Sea Gull	—	Haydon	Amr. str	48	C. Traders' Insurance Co	
Suez	May 18	W. M. Dodd	Brit. str	1390	Russell & Co	
Volga	May 24	Temple	Fr. str	1852	Messageries Maritimes	
Vortigern	May 20	J. Brown	Brit. str	878	Chinese	
White Cloud	—	A. Banning	Brit. str	552	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co.	Macao

SAILING VESSELS.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Anna Bertha	May 23	H. Kranje	Ger. bk	469	Siemssen & Co	
Anna	April 9	F. Sebildt	Ger. sh	1255	Russell & Co	New York
Anna	May 22	A. H. Moller	Ger. sch	745	Melchers & Co	
Catolina	April 20	Williams	Brit. bk	484	Jardine Matheson & Co	
Caroline	May 10	Errekstone	Brit. sch	338	Chinese	
Centaur	May 15	O. Offersen	Ger. bk	468	Wieler & Co	
Ceylon	April 5	Barstow	Amr. bk	617	Russell & Co	
Daniel	May 12	P. Voigt	Ger. bk	416	Wieler & Co	
Don Enrique	April 2	McAllister	Brit. sh	1312	Morris & Ray	
Esmeralda	April 9	Jager	Ger. bk	788	Carlowitz & Co	London
Figaro	May 13	B. Muller	Ger. bk	1007	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	London
Frank Carvill	April 9	Chapman	Brit. sh	1480	Russell & Co	S. Francisco
Marguerethe	Feb. 17	C. Poppe	Ger. sh	1238	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	New York
Martha	April 19	McPherson	Brit. bk	853	Russell & Co	Victoria, B.C.
Melrose	April 19	Bates	Amr. sh	943	Russell & Co	
Navesink	Mar. 20	Welks	Amr. bk	725	Russell & Co	Portland, Or.
Nicoya	May 5	J. Foster	Brit. bk	591	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Spartan	Mar. 31	Crossley	Amr. bk	749	Russell & Co	
Swan	May 23	Henderson	Amr. bg	274	F. Blackhead & Co	
Twilight	June 8	Warland	Amr. sh	1263	Captain	
W. Minstrel	May 19	Swewright	Brit. bk	362	Captain	

MACAO.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Kiang-ping	—	Holmes	Chi. str	360	C. M. S. N. Co

WHAMPOA.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Shun On	Dec. 14	Blumenberg	Ann. str	136	Chinese

CANTON.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Amoy	May 18	Wm. Potts	Brit. str	814	Siemssen & Co
Fooksang	May 25	Hogg	Brit. str	990	Jardine, Matheson & Co

AMOY.

IN PORT ON 20TH MAY, 1884.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Almalis	May 12	E.G. Lapham	Am. sch	387	Boyd & Co
John Potts	May 12	Coyill	Brit. bk	374	H. A. Petersen & Co
Galveston	May 7	H. Stenkel	Ger. bk	619	Chinese
Looloo	May 15	Barkin	Brit. bk	491	H. A. Petersen & Co
Louise	April 28	C. Holm	Ger. sch	280	H. A. Petersen & Co
Satsuma	May 15	J. Morrison	Brit. bk	363	H. A. Petersen & Co
Sibirien	May 10	Johannsen	Ger. bk	367	H. A. Petersen & Co

FOOCHOW.

IN PORT ON 17TH MAY, 1884.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Jerfalcon	May 4	Bentley	Brit. sch	287	Chinese
Kolga	May 10	Mitchell	Brit. bk	359	Chinese

SHANGHAI.

IN PORT ON 17TH MAY, 1884.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Doretta	April 11	Lecain	Siam. bk	300	Lewis & Hopkins
Flodden	Aug. 20	—	Brit. bk	—	J. A. Mitchell

NAGASAKI.

IN PORT ON 10TH MAY, 1884.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Gitanilla	Jan. 22	Taylor	Brit. bk	472	Holme, Ringer & Co
Reporter	April 22	Spaulding	Amr. sh	1283	Holme, Ringer & Co
Solider	May 6	Lundholm	Brit. bg	241	Master

YOKOHAMA.

IN PORT ON 17TH MAY, 1884.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Black Diamond	Oct. 2	Boyd	Ger. bk	670	P. Bohm
Hermann	May 11	Traulsen	Ger. bk	414	J. E. Collyer & Co
Lucia	April 10	Crowley	Brit. bk	640	J. E. Collyer & Co
Lucile	May 7	Lawrence	Amr. sh	1329	Cornes & Co
Marie	April 24	Ipland	Ger. bk	465	J. E. Collyer & Co
Mary C. Bohm	Nov. 23	Brade	Ger. sch	48	P. Bohm
Omega	April 25	Brown	Brit. bk	480	J. E. Collyer & Co
Rose	Nov. 14	Wilson	Rus. sch	53	R. Clarke

MANILA.

IN PORT ON 10TH MAY, 1884.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Ben Sewall	April 1		Am. sh	1361	Smith, Bell & Co	New York
Farragut	April 28		Amr. sh	1519	Smith, Bell & Co	
Great Admiral	Jan. 11		Amr. sh	1573	Macleod & Co	
Lodsen	April 13		Nov. bk	237	Holliday, Wise & Co	London
Paul Revere	April 28		Amr. sh	1735	Macleod & Co	
Pepita	—		Span. bk	—	Order	
Queenstown	April 28		Amr. sh	1549	Peele, Hubbell & Co	States
Stormy Petrel	Mar. 17		Brit. bk	748	Smith, Bell & Co	Liverpool

ILOILO.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Antoinette	May 3		Brit. bk	836	Smith, Bell & Co	
Enterina	April 26		Brit. bk	649	W. F. Stevenson & Co	New York
Hudson Bay	April 25		Brit. sh	1559	Ker & Co	
Marie Louise	May 5		Ger. bk	915	Smith, Bell & Co	

CEBU.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Annetin	Mar. 28		Ital. bk	474	Macleod & Co	Singapore
Herbert Black	April 19		Amr. bk	573	Macleod & Co	States
W. W. Crapo	Mar. 31		Amr. bk	1577	Smith, Bell & Co	New York

BANGKOK.

IN PORT ON 10TH MAY, 1884.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Billy Simpson	May 8	Brown	Brit. bk	432	Lee Hong Lee	
China	May 8	—	Siam. bg	199	Chesua [illegible]	
Clementina	April 26	Pozzolo	Ital. bk	748	A. M. & Co	
Diamond City	Jan. 24	Spencer	Siam. bk	231	Poh Chin Soo	
Envoy	April 21	Martin	Siam. bk	330	Chinese	
Falcon	April 22	Evans	Siam. bk	338	Chinese	
Foochow	May 1	Peterson	Siam. bg	300	Low Mah Tong	
Hei Cheong	May 5	Plattner	Brit. bk	325	Tan Hoo Poh	
Hero	Mar. 22	Meyer	Siam. bg	173	Chinese	
Jo Seng Lee	May 1	Chinese	Fren. sch	203	Peng Wee	
Kim Chye Seng	Oct. 5	Chinese	Siam. sch	233	Chesua Tit	
K. Soon Hoeat	Feb. 23	Niatel	Siam. bg	208	Chesua Poh	
Long Hin	May 7	Chinese	Siam. bg	—	Phia Sombat Phirom	
Lucky	Nov. 13	—	Siam. bk	424	Chinese	
Mercury	May 14	Hennings	Siam. bg	103	Chinese	
Pheasant	Mar. 2	Argeener	Siam. sch	—	Muang Sui	
P. Seraphi	April 25	Vil	Siam. bk	451	Tasker Sigg & Co	
Q's of England	April 11	Otten	Siam. sh	512	Poh Chim Soo	
Siam	April 26	Thomsen	Siam. bk	291	Chesua Sau	
Siamese Crown	April 13	Jorgensen	Siam. sh	549	Phya Chodak	
Soon Hwatt	Mar. 12	Chinese	Siam. bg	—	Captain	
S. Repetto	April 24	Bozzo	Ital. bk	598	Borneo Co., Limited	
Starlight	Oct. 16	Moller	Siam. bk	570	Poh Tek	
Telegraph	April 2	Sequeira	Siam. bk	327	Chinese	

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Name.	Rig.	Guns	H.P.	Captain.	Where at
Albatross	screw sloop	4	840	Com. Hicks	Wuhu
Audacious	double-screw iron frigate	14	4330	Captain Pearson	Amoy
Champion	corvette	14	2340	Captain Powlett	Hongkong
Cleopatra	corvette	14	2610	Capt. H. N. Hippisley	Shanghai
Cockchafer	gunboat	4	470	Lt.-Com. R. L. Groome	Shanghai
Curacoa	corvette	14	2540	Captain Anstruther	Shanghai
Daring	composite sloop	4	920	Com. Laurence Ching	Hongkong
Esk	double-screw gunboat	3	340	In reserve	Hongkong
Espoir	gunboat	4	455	Lieut.-Com. Gamble	Hankow
Flying Fish	sloop	4	840	Capt. J. F. L. P. Maclear	Amoy
Fly	double-screw gun-vessel	4	490	Com. John Hope	Japan
Foxhound	gunboat	4	470	Lieut.-Com. McQuhae	Hongkong
Linnet	gunboat	5	1050	Commander G. W. Hill	Pakhoi
Merlin	composite gunboat	4	430	Lt.-Com. R.B.C. Brenton	Amoy
Midge	double-screw gun-vessel	4	470	Com. Hotham	Tientsin
Pegasus	sloop	6	970	Com. Bickford	Singapore
Sapphire	corvette	12	2360	Capt. J. R. T. Fullerton	Yokohama
Swift	double-screw gun-vessel	5	1010	Commander Collins	Amoy
Tweed	double-screw gunboat	3	340	Lt.-Com. Chas. I. Briggs	Hongkong
V. Emanuel	receiving ship	20	—	Commodore Morant	Hongkong
Vigilant	paddle despatch-vessel	2	1330	Lt.-Com. T. E. Maxwell	Keelung
Wivern	turret-ship	4	1450	In reserve	Hongkong
Zephyr	gunboat	4	530	Lt.-Com. C. K. Hope	Singapore

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

Name.	Flag.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Abreck	Russian gunboat	7	300	Captain Schanz	Korea
Alonis	French gunboat	5	250	Commander Caillard	Saigon
Alert	American corvette	4	800	Commander J. C. Barclay	Shanghai
Cristo. Colombo	Italian corvette	—	—	Captain Accinni	Shanghai
D'Estaing	French cruiser	15	—	Captain Coulombeaud	Amoy
Duguay-Trouin	French corvette	—	—	Captain Muret de Pagnac	Shanghai
Enterprise	American corvette	6	800	Commander A. S. Barker	Amoy
Ermak	Russian transport	—	80	Captain Koltchan	Vladivostock
Essex	American corvette	6	800	Com. A. H. McCormick	Yokohama
Gornostai	Russian gunboat	7	80	Commander Stark	Vladivostock
Iltis	German gunboat	4	340	Lieut.-Com. Rotger	Shanghai
Juniata	American corvette	8	900	Com. P. F. Harrington	Korea
La Galissoniere	French frigate	14	—	Captain Fleuriais	Tientsin
Lutin	French gunboat	4	100	Captain Dabat	Hongkong
Marq. del Duero	Spanish gunboat	3	550	Capt. José Calderon	Hongkong
Minin	Russian frigate	—	6000	Captain Grenquist	Nagasaki
Monocacy	American gunboat	6	750	Com. F. J. Higginson	Nagasaki
Morge	Russian gunboat	7	80	Commander Boyle	Nagasaki
Naesdnik	Russian corvette	13	250	Captain Kalagerass	Korea
Nautilus	German gunboat	—	—	Captain Aschenborn	Hongkong
Nerpa	Russian gunboat	7	80	Commander Valrondt	Vladivostock
Opritchnik	Russian cruiser	13	250	Capt. B. Ivashentsoff	Nagasaki
Palos	American gunboat	6	500	Com. G. D. B. Glidden	Shanghai
Prinz Adalbert	German corvette	14	4800	Captain Hensing	Nagasaki
Rasboynik	Russian cruiser	8	250	Captain Pojarsky	Korea
Skobeleff	Russian corvette	—	—	Captain Blazedareff	Nagasaki
Sobol	Russian gunboat	7	80	Commander Boyle	Nagasaki
Stosch	German corvette	18	2500	Captain von Nostitz	Shanghai
Tamega	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	Capt. da Costa Cabral	Macao
Tongous	Russian gunboat	—	—	Commander Heck	Vladivostock
Trenton	American frigate	14	—	Captain Phythian	Nagasaki
Triomphante	French ironclad	14	—	Captain Baux	Shanghai
Velasco	Spanish cruiser	3	1500	Capt. D. E. Butron	Hongkong
Villars	French corvette	15	600	Captain Viviello	Shanghai
Volta	French cruiser	—	—	Captain Fournier	Shanghai
Wolf	German gunboat	4	340	Lieut.-Com. von Raven	Amoy

CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Guns	Tons	H.P.	Commander.	Station.
An-lan	Viceroy's gunboat	7	250	75	—	Hongkong
Chee-hing	Revenue cruiser	2	30	20	—	—
Chien-jui	Revenue cruiser	3	80	17	—	Hongkong
Chien-to	Viceroy's gunboat	7	250	75	J. Stewart	Canton
Ching-tsing	Viceroy's gunboat	4	180	60	F. Bessard	—
Chop-sai	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—	Canton
Hai-chong-ching	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—	Hongkong
Hai-king-ching	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	—	Canton
Hoi-tung-hung	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	Leung Yiu Ting	Canton
Peng-chao-hai	Revenue cruiser	4	562	125	Chow Shoi	Hongkong
Quang-on	Viceroy's gunboat	4	120	40	Lik-ping-tie	Canton
San Hang	Viceroy's gunboat	—	—	—	Yung Yung Lin	—
Tching-on	Viceroy's gunboat	2	120	40	Chinese Admiral	Bogue Forts
Tching-po	Viceroy's gunboat	3	100	40	Ching	Bogue Forts

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